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other crimes. He was con-

victed twice, but, except for

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only got probation. Robert

was no stranger to the state's

child welfare agency, either.

A 1986 investigation by the

Department of Children and

Family Services found scars

on Robert's face, cordlike

marks on his abdomen and

leg, and cigarette burns on

his buttocks. Robert was

taken from his mother and

placed with his grandmother,

who nicknamed him Yum

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Complaints that she was not

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Other U.N. teams in the

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Mr. Speth expressed UNDP's appreciation of Jordan's development efforts pointing out the Regent's active role in international fora that address population and development activities.

The UNDP, Mr. Speth said, will continue to support Jordan's development efforts by all possible means. Mr. Speth earlier Saturday

met Minister of Planning Hisham Al Khatib and reviewed difficulties facing Jordan like shortage of water, poverty and unemployment as well as other challenges.

cussed UNDP's programme to the Kingdom to help it overcome these difficulties.

Mr. Speth noted with appreciation Jordan's nievements in education, health and social development, in particular the Kingdom's comprehensive development programmes. In an interview with Jordan

Television, Mr. Speth said, "We have had a UNDP programme in Jordan for many years, but I am a new administrator and I have come to learn about the programme, to learn how we can be of help to this wonderful and sophisticated country, to learn what types of initiatives we can take to further sustainable and human-centred



His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Saturday receives United

Nations Development Programme Administrator James Gustave Speth at the Royal Court (Petra photo)

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DUBAI (Agencies) - The 51-member Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC) said on Saturday that Muslim states must take an active part in the U.N. CHICAGO (AP) — His Cairo to make sure its recomnickname was "Yummy." h mendations conform with a short life filled with abox. Islamic values.

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countries to press forcefully for the imposing of our Islamic positions and preventing the approval of any document which goes against the teachings of the Koran," said a statement sent to Reuters by the Jeddah-based OIC.

"Behind the diplomatic formulas can be seen the arrogant claims of the liberal thinking that wiped out communism and is now preparing to impose itself on the great majority of mankind as the only correct path to achieve

practice, would strip U.N. -member states' political, economic and educational programmes of any religious or moral content.

The head of Iran's delegation to the conference, cleric Mohammad Ali Tashkiri,

told Tehran radio on Saturday that Muslim states should not boycott the conference. Saudi Árabia, Lebanon, Iraq and Sudan have decided not to attend.

"We do not agree with boycotting the conference. We want all Islamic countries to take part in it ... and see that religious and moral values are represented in the resolution," he said.

Hardline Iranian newspapers have condemned the conference as anti-Islamic and called on the government to boycott it.

The (draft) proposal call for sexual equality among men and women. This sounds fine on the surface but it really means that if a man can have several women then a woman too can have several men," Kar-Va-Kargar newspaper said on Friday.

Fresh from Damascus summit, Hariri reshuffles cabinet

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Prime Minister Rafik Hariri has reshuffled his cabinet after lengthy summit talks between Syria and Lebanon, the presidential palace announced Saturday.

The shakeup brought no major changes in the policies of Mr. Hariri's half-Christian, half-Muslim cabinet formed in October 1992 to rebuild Lebanon after the 1975-90 civil war.

The main loser was Interior Minister Bishara Merhej, who has been at odds with the premier.

the reshuffle was announced after President Elias Hrawi, Mr. Hariri and Parliament Speaker Nabih Berri returned from a daylong summit talks with Syrian President Hafez Assad and senior aides in Damascus Friday. Syria is the undisputed power in Lebanon.

Sources close to Mr. Hariri, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the reshuffle was primarily aimed at harmonising the cabinet and improving its performance after intensified criticism from Mr. Hariri's oppo-

A statement from Mr. Hrawi's press office said that Mr. Merhej, a Greek Orthodox and pro-Syrian leftist, was removed as interior minister and appointed state minister

without portfolio. Mr. Merhej. 49. was replaced by Deputy Prime Minister Michel Murr, 52, another Greek Orthodox. Mr. Murr, a close Hariri ally,

retains his other position. Mr. Merhej has been scrapping with Mr. Hariri over the handling of domestic affairs, including the thorny issue of the Iranian-backed Hizbollah, or Party of God.

Mr. Hariri objected to Mr. Merhej allowing the Shiite Muslim fundamentalists, who oppose Middle East peace talks and Mr. Hariri, to stage protests in Beirut. In one demonstration last September, troops shot dead Hizbollah activists.

Mr. Merhej told the leftist As Safir daily he will consult with friends and allies before deciding whether or not to stay in the cabinet.

In another move, state minister without portfolio Shahe Barsoumian, 40, an Armenian Christian, was named social affairs minister.

That post had been held by Elie Hobeika, 39, a Maronite Catholic and former militia leader, who retains his other portfolio as minister of water and hydraulic resources.

In May, Mr. Hariri tried to oust Merhej and Information Minister Michel Samaha who was not involved in Saturday's reshuffle — but was unable to change his cabinet because of opposition from Mr. Hariri.

for a week, paralysing the government. He went back to work after visiting Damascus.

Mr. Hariri, a self-made billionaire tycoon, has been credited with stabilising the Lebanese currency and improving security conditions as well as the nation's war-shattered infrastructure.

But he has failed to harness runaway inflation and soaring living costs.

Mr. Assad's spokesman, Joubran Korieh, said the Syrian and Lebanese leaders agreed during Friday's eighthour meeting in Damascus to peace talks with Israel.

They also agreed to stick to the land-for-peace principle set out in Madrid in 1991 at the outset of the Middle East peace process, Mr. Korieh Mr. Assad and Mr. Hrawi

regularly meet in Damascus to muli over the peace talks with Israel and bilateral relations, but Friday's session was particularly long.
The Lebanese media have

said that Beirut and Damascus feel they must coordinate their position since the Palestine Liberation Organisation and Jordan signed accords with Israel over the last year.

Syria and Lebanon are now the only Arab states on Israel's border still technically at war with the Jewish om Mr. Hariri. state. Egypt signed a peace treaty with Israel in 1979.

Russia urges Chechen president to resign

agency said.

khanov, which had announced plans to topple Gen. Dudayev.

appeals to the Chechen people to show restraint and not to give in to any provocation by Dudayev and his entourage," said the statement, published by Tass.

"Dudayev must resign peacefully," it said. "It is clear that attempts to concentrate power in one man's hands has led to the escalation in tension and violence. Therefore free parliamentry elections must be held and a

conflicting accounts of fighting between Chechen government forces and opposition groups and reported several people killed. But there was no independent confirma-

Moscow, after a series of hijacks by ethnic Chechens, last month accused Gen. Dudayev of turning the republic into a hideaway for criminals and said it would not tolerate this any further. Gen. Dudayev, a former Soviet air-force general, declared his tiny north Caucasus republic independent from Russia in 1991.

Chechnya said Saturday that armoured units loyal to the president had taken about 100 opposition prisoners and

Ayub Satuyev said in future "there would be no more massive attacks" by the opposition, after Friday's fighting, even if it could "continue with localised attacks," the interfax news

manding the resignation of Gen. Dudayev.

U.N. team makes fresh inspection of Iraq's sites

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP)
— A team of U.N. inspectors returned Saturday from scouting fresh Iraqi sites that may be brought under long-term monitoring to ensure the Iragis do not try to revive an aborted biological weapons programme.
"We looked at declared

and undeclared sites, we looked at sites that have been inspected previously and some that have not been inspected previously," said David Huxsoll, the American leader of an 8-member U.N. team of biological weapons

The information that we found will be useful to the United Nations in making additional decisions" on the monitoring process, he told reporters at the Bahrainbased regional base of the inspectors.

Mr. Huxsoll's is the 10th team to visit Iraq to track down secret biological weapons programmes, des-troy what they find and prepare for a long-term monitor-

ing umbrella. As far as inspectors have been able to tell, Iraq's biological weapons programme before its defeat in the 1991 Gulf war never passed the

In all, more than 90 U.N. research stage.

Israel, Hizbollah duel in **South Lebanon**

MARJAYOUN, Lebanon (Agencies) — Iranian-backed guerrillas and Israel's militia allies clashed in dusk-todawn artillery duels in South Lebanon after a deadly guerrilla ambush, security sources

reported Saturday.
Fighters of the Shiite Muslim. Hizbollah, or Party of God, staged the ambush Friday near the town of Arab Saleem in the central sector of Israel's self-designated "security zone," a border has occupied since 1985.

One militiaman of the Israeli-armed South Lebanon Army was killed and four others wounded, the sources said, speaking on condition

of anonymity.
Israeli helicopter gunships came to the SLA patrol's rescue, enabling the militiamen to evacuate their casualties. The wounded men were flown to a hospital in north-

ern Israel. The Cobra gunships strafed Hizbollah positions and infiltration trails as a 20-minute shootout erupted after the

ambush.

The Israelis fired about 20 155mm Howitzer shells at Jabal Rafia, a Hizbollah stronghold in the highlands of the Iqlim Al Tuffah, or Apple Province.

One shell hit a house in the village of Habboush, wounding a man and his two children, aged seven and 14, and another eight-year-old child, the sources reported.

Three bours later, around 9.15 p.m. (1815GMT), the guerrillas bombarded three SLA positions in the zone's western sector with mortar fire and Katyusha rockets, the sources said.

Two rockets exploded about 100 metres from the Israeli border near the Lebanese town of Rmeish, the sources added.

SLA gunners and Israeli tanks hit back with an intermittent bombardment of Shiite villages of Kafra and Yater. There are also Hizbollah strongholds and the guer-

rillas retaliated with mortar fire and Katyushas. The sources said no other casualties were reported on

either side from the sporadic night-long exchanges, sometimes fought in the glare of parachute flares. In Haifa on Friday, the

army commander of Israel's northern region warned Syria against starting a new war, saying it would lose heavily. "Syria is holding peace

negotiations but at the same time continues to arm itself. modernise its army and develop its military power, General Yitzhak Mordechai told reporters in the northern town of Haifa.

"Syria would be making a very serious error if it started a war against Israel because it would lose the conflict and the price would be terrible." said Gen. Mordechai.

Carlos lawyers want all charges dropped

PARIS (AFP) — Carlos the Jackal's lawyers said Saturday they would call for all charges against their client to be dropped when he goes before court authorities Mon-

Mourad Oussedik, representing Carlos along with Jacques Verges said the two lawyers had also have filed a suit for "kidnapping", "false imprisonment" and "denial of individual liberties" on behalf of their client.

The suit was filed Friday because of the manner of his arrest in Sudan and transfer to France, Mr. Oussedik Carlos was arrested by

Sudanese authorities in Khartourn on Aug. 13 and handed over to French police who flew him to Paris. He has since been held in the Sante prison in the centre of Paris.

He is to appear Monday before examining magistrate Judge Jean-Louis Bruguiere. The lawyers also released Saturday details of Carlos's version of his arrest.

Carlos says that after an operation on his testicles for a varicocele — a condition affecting the spermatic cord hosptial in Khartoum on Aug. 13, the Sudanese officials guarding him took him to a villa outside the centre of the Sudanese capital where he spent the night and the following day.

In the night of Aug. 14 to 15 he was attacked by his own guards who handcuffed him and covered his head with a hood, he said. A military doctor gave him

an injection which knocked him out, and he was then taken to Khartoum airport on a stretcher, he charged.

At the airport, Carlos saw from under his hood an "executive type" aircraft and some Europeans who said nothing. He was then put in a body bag and tied up.

On arrival at the military airport of Villacoublay in France he was thrown into a van and transported to the French counter-espionage headquarters, the DST, the lawyers' statement said.

France's interior ministry has declined to state the circumstances under which the terrorist was arrested and extradited to France.

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Jordan heading towards convertible dinar — Nabulsi

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan's had a suspect in the boy's monetary policies are now slaying. Solemn neighbours steadily heading towards the gathered around the pool of transformation of the dinar Robert's blood in the south into a convertible currency, side neighbourhood of neat benefitting trade exchanges, yards and well-kept homes. according to Central Bank This is our problem," Valer-

Gövernor Mohammad Saeed ie Jordan said. "The authorities and the system have - But Dr. Nabuki said in a failed. This is our child. The young lady that was killed, that was our baby." In the working paper he presented to a meeting in Tunis recently that such a step can by no last two years. Robert was means give free conversion prosecuted for robbery, car power to capital, something theft, arson, burglary and hich can only be achieved at an advanced stage when cer-

tain conditions have been The paper, presented to an annual meeting of the Council of Central Bank Governors of the Arab World, said capital will be totally free to convert once the country has been able to control.

inancial deficits. He noted that until that stage has been reached certain aspects of capital exenanges can be freed if that

allowing free movement of funds from and into the occupied West Bank with a view to benefitting from the investment momentum ex-

pected there.

ties abroad.

heavals, he added.

obligations towards the Inter-

A convertible dinar would enable Jordan to have easy access to international financial markets and would enable capital to flow onto the Jordanian market, according

to Dr. Nabulsi.

ouring of article eight of the agreement with the IMF can by no means affect the country's request for rescheduling foreign debts in the future. On the contrary, he said, that would have its positive effect

The positive aspects of a freely convertible dinar. Dr. Nabulsi said, can help raise the efficiency of services pro-vided by the local financial sectors, enabling local institu-tions to diversify their activi-

Such move would also enable institutions to adopt new administrative and technological skills and would enable residents in the country to keep diversified assets escaping possible monetary up-

Referring to Jordan's

expenses from constraints, and later help liberate capital, something which would crown current national efforts towards economic re-Dr. Nabulsi said that the IMF requires that all restrictions affecting wages and

as it would help free current

commodity prices be re-moved and that the country adopt an integrated taxation system and also stabilise the local banking system.
Article 8, Dr. Nabulsi added, demands that Jordan

develop new financial instruments and wise monetary and financial policies designed to reduce the margin of difference between the local and foreign financial markets.

national Monetary Fund, policy proves feasible like Prosecution provides evidence linking defendants to bombings

AMMAN (AP) — Prosecuthe Saturday presented evidence that homemade exploce that homemade explotives found at the homes of a troup of Muslim extremists thatch those used in a wave of bombings of porn cinemas and liquor stores.

Prosecution witness Lt. Ali Nsour, 30, told a military cours that primitive bombs which apped apart the Rivoli thears in Amman and the Salwa theatre in Zarqa matched explosive devices acted in Feb. 8 police raids. The raids, during which 22 militants were arrested, followed a spate of bombing

attacks on porn cinemas and liquor stores in the Amman area in 1993 and 1994. Three other militants remain at large and are being tried in absentia at the State Security

Court. All 25 men are accused of being behind the bombings, which the prosecution claims were part of efforts to cleanse the society of values that contravene Islamic teachings. The 25 militants, who may

not be named under court

regulations, face the death

penalty on charges that they

plotted to destabilise the

Kingdom by violent means

During Saturday's onehour session, Mr. Nsour said the Jan. 26 Rivoli bomb and the Feb. 1 Salwa bomb, as well as a third one found in a liquor shop in the northwestern village of Safoot earlier this year, were all made of acetone peroxide, which explodes from prolonged expo-

sure to sunlight. In addition to charges that colleagues to abandon their the militants were behind the beliefs. bombing wave, they are also accused of intriguing to sabotage the U.S.-backed Middle East peace process.

Thirty 'repentant' Muslim militants

freed CAIRO (AFP) — Thirty suspected Muslim militants who 'renounced extremist thought" were freed from Egyptian jails on Saturday,

The release brings to 90 the number of suspected militants released since last May. None of those freed Saturday were involved in murder or attempted murder, but were "accused of joining armed militant groups, police said.

which groups the released men belonged. The Egyptian media, which is largely government-controlled, last month broadcast seminars organised by the interior ministry during which several "repentant" extremists denounced Muslim militant groups and urged

They did not reveal to

Interior Minister Hassan Al Alfi said he was "ready to free all militants who announce their repentance."

MOSCOW (Agencies) — Russia called on Saturday on the president of rebel Chechnya to resign to avert civil war and urged free parliamentry elections in its troubled southern region, the official ITAR-TASS news

A Russian government statement said armed conflict had pushed the breakaway region to the brink of civil war and urged its president, Dzokhar Dudayev, to step down. Russia has openly supported a Chechen opposition grouping led by Umar Avtur-

"The Russian government

new government must be

Russian and Chechen news agencies on Friday published

The "interior minister" of seized several armoured vehicles in clashes.

agency reported. The opposition — one of whose factions, the Provisional Council, is openly backed by Russia — is de-

U.N. envoy fails to bring Afghan leaders to talks

ISLAMABAD (R) — Six weeks of efforts by United Nations envoy on Afghanis-tan Mahmoud Mestiri have failed to bring warring Afghan Mujahedeen groups to talks.

"The special mission very much regrets the failure to hold the joint preliminary meeting," a statement issued by the United Nations special mission on Afghanistan said late on Friday night.

... The commitment to peace is not yet sufficiently strong and widespread to overcome inevitable obstacles." the statement said. But it also said the mission was determined to continue

aged Afghanistan. The mission, will, however not be discouraged nor cen ed from pursuing the course f peace in Afgha-

efforts for peace in war-rav-

The failure of the mission was attribute. the refusal

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by President Burhanuddin Rabbani's alliance to talk to the National Islamic Movement of northern warlord General Abdul Rasheed Dostum, the statement said. Gen. Dostum is allied to Prime Minister Gulbuddin Hekmatyar in a Supreme Coordination Council in a

war to topple the president.
"However, despite numerous meetings, compromise proposals and formulas, it was in the end not possible to hold this joint preliminary meeting because of the total refusal by the side opposed to the Supreme Coordination Council to include the National Islamic Movement of Afghanistan in such a meeting," the statement said.

Mr. Mestiri, a former Tunisian foreign minister, had a U.N. General Assembly mandate to facilitate the process of rapprochement and reconstruction in Afghanistan through dialogue and Mr. Mestiri held intensive and in-depth consultations with the Afghan leadership and reached a conclusion that a joint preliminary meeting of the warring parties was needed to further the peace process.

The Afghan people have suffered enough from the hostilities in their country and their overwhelming desire for peace should not be frustrated any longer, the statement said. It said the next phase of the

peace efforts would be taken in hand in a few weeks time. The present round of fighting between the forces backing and opposing Mr. Rabbani began on January 1.

About 11,500 people have been killed in the conflict since Mujahedeen guerrillas took over from a collapsed communist government in

Ghali in Paris for Mideast talks

PARIS (R) - U.N. Secru:ary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali met a top aide in Paris on Saturday to discuss a wider role for the United Nations in helping Palestinian self-rule, the U.N. said.

Terje Roed Larsen, U.N. special coordinator in the occupied territories, briefed Mr. Boutros-Ghali on talks in Washington on Thursday and Friday to prepare a meeting of donor nations to be chaired by the World Bank in Paris on Sept. 7-9.

The two met "to discuss an enhanced role for the United Nations in the development process in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip," a U.N. statement said.

Palestinian self-rule began in Gaza and the West Bank town of Jericho in May under

Finns return

kidnap ordeal

HELSINKI (R) — Two Fin-

nish tourists who were kidnapped and held for three

weeks by Kurdish guerrillas

returned home on Saturday

saving they had been well

The pair, Marke Hota-

kainen and Tucmo Pollari.

were detained in southeast-

ern Turkey by the separatist

Kurdistan Workers Party

(PKK). They were freed on

Tuesday in Kangali, a village

PKK), we were their guests.

But I was there against my

will," Mr. Hotakainen told a

news conference at the air-

us that one couldn't be afraid," Mr. Pollari said,

according to the Finnish news

moved from camp to camp

during the three weeks with

Turkish officials had in-

itially suggested the two,

both in their 20s and their

way to Australia when they

were kidnapped, went off willingly with PKK guerrillas.

er, insisted the pair had been

abducted in an operation re-

miniscent of previous PKK

kidnappings of foreign tour-

The Finns were abducted

by PKK forces, who said the

pair were in violation of a

PKK order that all travellers

to the largely Kurdish region

first obtain a "visa.

Finnish authorities, howev-

The two men said they had

"They were so friendly to

port outside Helsinki.

agency (STT).

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'According to them (the

in the Tunceli province.

treated by their captors.

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Boutros Ghali

the historic Israeli-PLO deal. Mr. Boutros-Ghali was in Paris en route to Cairo where he is to open the U.N. population conference on

The statement said Dr. Boutros-Ghali and Mr. Larsen, a Norwegian who helped broker the accord on limited Palestinian autonomy, also discussed possible U.N. technical help for administering a Palestinian police

In Washington on Friday, State Department spokeswoman Christine Shelly said Lie Paris meeting was expected to decide what sums

donors would grant. Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) signed an agreement on Monday giving Falestinians in the West Bank control over five spheres of civilian government previously run by Israel, the second phase of a

thing but destruction, the wasting of the country's resources and the creation of more grudges," the report year-old peace deal. by a YSP provisional leadership said. "The declaration of secession was a historical mistake which cannot be justified and is rejected act

leaders over civil war ticism of YSP leader Ali Salem Al Beidh.

Palestinian girls sing the Palestinian national Saturday at the Ramallah High school (see anthem at the beginning of the academic year, story page 12) (AFP photo)

Yemen Socialists criticise

SANAA --- A report before The defeated party has been trying to define its post-war future after the a meeting of the Yemen Socialist Party on Saturday condemns a separatist civil war in which Mr. attempt by some of its lead-Beidh declared a separatist ers which was crushed in a state in the south.

By Assem Abdul Mohsen

The meeting was called

to assess the report, which

covers the party's future af-

ter the disastrous attempt to

recreate the former South

Yemen during Yemen's two-month civil war.

About 170 YSP members

held a procedural session

on Thursday, their first

post-war meeting in Sanaa

to decide on a future course

of action and possibly elect

as an attempt to tear Ye-

men apart again," the re-

port made available to Reu-

"The war resulted in no-

a new leadership.

brief civil war.

Mr. Beidh fled Yemen in the final days of the war, when northern forces of President Ali Abdullah Saleh took Aden, declared the capital of the breakaway state.

The report said the declaration of separation was "an expression of political failure, national narrowmindedness.

"Therefore, a condemnation of the military solution should be coupled by condemning all the isolationist tactics which excluded the political solution and contributed to the pushing of the country into the inferno of the devastating war."

The report said it was the responsibility of all political leaders whether inside or outside the government to work together in the aftermath of the war and seces-

YSP is widely expected to remain in opposition when a new Yemen government

It added that "political peaceful dialogue is the only way to ensure a prosperous future for the country.

The YSP, Mr. Saleh's General People's Congress and the Islah Party of Parliamentary Speaker Sheikh Abdullah Bin Hussein Al Ahmar formed a coalition government in Yemen, created in 1990 by a merger of Mr. Saleh's North Yemen and Mr. Beidh's South

Differences over powersharing erupted into civil war on May 4. The report blamed YSP leaders for making it possible for their northern opponents to unleash the war.

"The YSP leadership cannot be absolved of responsibility thanks to their wrong tactics which facilitated the rushing towards a military solution... some tactics were even in contrast to the party's ideology and

JORDAN TIMES, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER, JOHN LIbvo L. 'Libya barred Carlos'

TRIPOLI (AFP) — Libya turned away international terrorist Carlos the Jackal on two occasions and refused to have any links with him. Foreign Minister Omar Al Muntasser told AFP Satur-

day.
"We had no links with Carlos. He came here twice and we sent him away both times" during the last three years, Mr. Muntasser said when asked about the possibility of Carlos referring to Libya in his trial. Carlos, a Venezuelan whose real name is Illich

Ramirez Sanchez, was arrested in the Sudanese capital Khartoum on Aug. 13 and taken to France. Mr. Muntasser also said be

"deplored" France's attitude in its dealings with Libya and said Paris was "under pressure" from Washington. The minister said Tripoli

was cooperating fully with French examining magistrate Jean-Louis Bruguiere in his investigation of the bombing of a French UTA plane over Niger in 1989 which killed 170 people, and had invited

tion Libyan suspects. But a planned visit by the judge to Libya several months ago fell through the last minute. Tripoli had a dead that the last minute.

decided that his arrival of an armed frigate, colonia style" was "unacceptab Mr. Muntasser said. The United Nations posed air traffic and embargos on Libya in An 1992 at the request of the United States, Britain France, after Tripoli ren

suspected of involvement i bomb attack on a U.S. airl The Pan Am plane ploded over Lockerbie, So land, in December 1988, in

to hand over two Liby

ing 270 people.

Mr. Muntasser said Trips
was going to "put to work to
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64% of Israelis support withdrawal from Golan withdrawal under the m

TEL AVIV (R) — Sixty-four per cent of Israelis support at least a partial withdrawal from the Golan Heights in exchange for peace with Syria, a survey released on Saturday found.

The survey, commissioned by Israel radio and conducted by researchers at Haifa University, polled 853 Israelis.

The radio said 27 per cent of those surveyed supported full withdrawal and another 37 per cent backed a partial pullback from the strategic heights if Syria signed a full peace accord.

Peace talks between the two countries are stalled over Syria's demand for total withdrawal and Israel's insistence that Damascus commits to full peace before it will discuss even a partial pullback on the heights.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin this week hinted he could agree to a total

circumstances but said a 'meaningful" puliback work be put to a referendum. The Radio said 24 perce

of Israelis had changed the views over the past year and now favoured some kin of pullback. It said 34 pe cent were against any territor rial compromise on the Golan.

Last September Isra signed a Palestinian self-m deal for some of the lands occupied in the 1967 Midd Liberation Organisation I to end its state of belligen with Jordan.

But three-year-old peac talks with Syria and Lebano remain deadlocked. Israe occupies a self-declared security zone in souther

NEWS IN BRIEF

Fundamentalists staged public killing of "collaborators"

ALGIERS (AFP) — Islamic fundamentalists have killed two young men they accused of collaborating with the security forces, slitting their throats as a crowd of village. looked on, a letter to the Le Matin daily claimed Sannda.

The letter writer, who preferred to remain anonymous said the killing took place before evening prayers in Sunday outside the Larbaa mosque in the village.

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after setting himself on fire in protest against a job quoi system that favours the underprivileged in the northern Indian state of Uttar Pradesh, the Press Trust of India said Sunil Saxena, 27, died in a Delhi hospital after suffering Sunil Saxena, 21, died in a Denn trospital and burns over 95 per cent of his body from Friday's self burns over 95 per cent of his body from Friday's ser property of Error immolation protest, the news agency reported. At least I feet protection immolation protest, the news agency reported. people have died in the past week, including at least six of but site in the past week, including at least six of the interior Friday, in demonstrations calling for an end to the job Friday, in demonstrations calling for an end to the jum and the state in the policy and for the establishment of a separate state in the policy and for the establishment of a separate state in the policy and for the state with the state of Himalayan foothills, it said. More than 200 people the state been injured in clashes with police that prompted the state been injured in clashes with police that prompted the state of the been injured in clashes with police that prompted the government to order an indefinite curfew throughout the left in the left region. Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao held and Modaling and Modali

Arab NGOs shun controversy at Cairo population conference

By Samia Nakhoul Reuter

CAIRO - Arab delegates have shied away from taking controversial stands in recommendations prepared for submission to the U.N. population conference opening on Monday.

Delegates attending pre-conference meetings of Arab non-governmental organisations (NGOs) dropped or rejected thorny topics in their paper to the international conference of the population and development.

Religion, traditions and rigid governments at home weighed heavily on the thinking of Arabs attending the meetings and influenced a paper agreed upon Friday night, participants said.

Some of the stands that the Arab NGO paper does take are opposed to liberal planks of the controversial draft document on population that is the central topic of the conference.

The Arab NGOs came out opposing the draft's section on sexual freedom for adolescents outside marriage. saying it encourages "corruption, immorality and pervertedness to the Arab gen-

erations." "It is blasphemy to give children free ex and have parents approve it. This is a tragedy, said Egyptian gynaecologist Aziz Khattab. "Youths who choose a

filthy path, unacceptable religiously and legally, should not be provided with any care." said another Egyptian delegate.

Giving adolescents confidentiality in family planning was also rejected "so that unmarried girls could not have access to contracep-

Panels, attended by 120 delegates from 13 Arab countries, highlighted the cultural gap among Arabs themselves. Tunisia, Morocco. Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and Palestine were more moderate than Egypt and Sudan.

Egyptian delegate Dalia Mamdouh said: 'you keep saying girls should not have done this, they should not have sinned, but many unmarried girls are having sex and many are getting pre-

"We should not look at them with disdain, we should not punish them and leave them die, we should provide them with a solution."

Delegates from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Bahrain. whose countries run on strict religious lines and where the sharia (Islamic law) governs peoples' lives, worried more about the status of women.

Mounira Fakhri of Bahrain, one of the most liberal Gulf states, said women in the Gulf were living in the past.

Arab women hope conference will break sexuality taboos By Mona Salem they can avoid unwanted pre-Shafiq likewise criticised tra-

Agence France Presse CAIRO - Arab women's groups, irked by hostility in some Islamic quarters to next week's U.N. population conference here, are hoping the gathering will help shatter what they say is a taboo on

sexuality in the Arab World. "Abortion, extra-marital relations, rape - they all exist in our societies even if the law does -not recognise them," according to Rashida Al Tahri, a teacher from

Morocco. She was speaking following meetings here Thursday and Friday of delegates from around 50 Arab women's organisations ahead of Mon-

day's conference opening. "Islamic circles equate a better understanding of sexuality with an invitation to

permissiveness," she said. "But in our society such knowledge is necessary, especially as discussions of sexuality are taboo and our school curricula all but ignore it.

"Whether we like it or not. some of our young people have sexual relations before marriage. With a better understanding of their bodies gnancies and illegitimate children who end up as orphans. "In Morocco, women have

a special need to be informed about sexuality and to have the right to abortion because they run the risk of going to prison if they have a child out of wedlock. Men assume no responsibility under the law."

Khwala Mattar of Bahrain was sharply critical of "the ambivalance in Arab society' on sexual questions. "We must avoid the ostrich

approach," she insisted. Modesty is a myth. "It does no good to ignore

reality. The fact that sexuality is a taboo is responsible for many social ills, such as rape within the family." according to Ms. Mattar, who represents the Arab Maternity and Childhood Council.

"In Gulf countries, with their closed societies, sexual frustration and a lack of knowledge mean that our young people focus on sex as soon as they leave the country.

But she added: "With greater courage and openmindedness we can create more balanced citizens."

Egyptian journalist Amina

ditional beliefs that attach "shame" to a young woman's "When a girl reaches the

warns her against telling her father she has her period. "Some teachers in our schools refuse to teach lessons dealing with genitalia,

even though sexual health is part of one's overall health." Ms. Shafiq insisted that the debate about sexuality is distorted. They (Islamic critics of the conference) would do better to try to help couples who, lacking in resources and education, have sexual

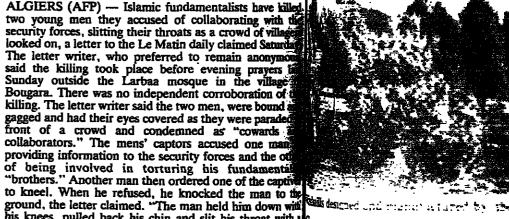
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Amna Derar, representing Sudan's Al Ahfad (The Grandchildren) association, said one of the most sinister consequences of sexual ignorance was the practice of female excision, widespread in northern Sudan, in which a young girl has her clitoris removed and her vagina sewed up.

Such practices will only disappear with a long process of socio-economic development," she argued.



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According to the paper, government intervention

at the meeting by the Natural Resources Authority (NRA) called for closer cooperation among concerned government departments on land use for agricultural, industrial and housing purposes.

The meeting was opened by Zuheir Kayed, who said that the participants would focus on government legislation concerning the management of lands.

Dr. Kayed said the meeting will also discuss appropriate incentives for the private sector to carry out housing schemes benefiting the lowincome groups.



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German firm at Samad and Albrahimieh in Irbid Gov-ernorate, JEA Director General Mohammad Saced. Arafeh told the Jordan Times

The project will be carried out within the German technical assistance programme called "Eldorado," benefiting Third World nations, said

The German ministry will cover 70 per cent of the total cost of the project which is JD 1.2 million and the JEA will cover the remaining sum,

Mr. Arafeh added. The wind power project, he said, is of vital interest to Jordan which is seeking renewable sources of energy and a reduction of its annual fuel consumption which at the present rate will reach 4.9 million tonnes by the end of

Negotiation on the project were conducted with the Bonn government and three German firms last week, and initial agreement was reached with at least two of these firms on technical matters during a visit to Germany by a Jordanian team led by Ministry of Energy Secretary

General Abdul Wahab Al

The German ministry has agreed to provide assistance enabling the German firms to generate up to 1.35 megawatts through the wind power project, according to Ministry of Energy sources.

The sources said the concerned Jordanian authorities are currently studying the details of the programme before choosing one of the two firms to carry out the project.

According to Mr. Arafeh, the RSS will serve as a consultant in this scheme because of its earlier experience in solar and wind power projects it carried out at several sites including Jurf Al Drarawish, a desert region southeast of Amman with German technical assistance.

WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

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Exhibition of oil paintings by Iraqi artists Sa'd Al Ta'i, Talal Issa and Mahdi Al Assadi at Al 'Ain Art Gallery (Tel.

Exhibition of photographs on nature and extraordent at the Royal Society for the section of Nature.

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Exhibition of household items at the Am-

man International Motor Exhibition, Airport Road (Tel. 827408).

 Exhibition of paintings by selected Iraqia artists at Alia Art Gallery (Tel. 639303). ★. Exhibition of Jordanian-made commodities of the International Exhibition Cen-

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★. Exhibition of paintings entitled "Fantazia II" (depicting Islamic style) by Iraqi artist Widad Orfali at Orfali Art Gallery, Umm Utheina (Tel. 826932).

☆. Exhibition entitled "Time-2 Space 1" by Samia Zarou at Darat Al Funun of the Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation in Jahal Laweibeh. Also showing "permanent" exhibition of 56 Arab contemporary artists (Tel. 643251/2).

Exhibition of paintings by Fahmi Qayssi of Ab'ad Art Gallery (Tel. 819861)

Princess Basma introduces UNDP chief to 'on the ground' development projects

By Rana Husseini Special to the Jordan Times

IRBID - Her Royal Highness Princess Basma Saturday accompanied visiting United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Administrator James Gustave Speth on a tour of the Princess Basma Social Development Centre in Idoon

village.
Mr. Speth, who last
Thursday arrived in Jordan
as part of a tour of the region, praised the centre's facilities and the kind of work being done there.
"I see here what the

U.N. programmes want us to do in providing for such projects and centres," said Mr. Speth. "I think the future of the

U.N. is in the villages of the world," he added. Princess Basma, who is

the honorary ambassador of the UNDP and is serving on two advisory panels for the administration of UNDP, addressed the local council and a visiting UNDP team, saying that we are dealing with reality, and that work on the ground, not just conducting lectures, is the way to succeed

The Princess also praised the important role of the UNDP saying that "UNDP representatives' personal understanding and support makes the work on the ground count."

The visiting team later listened to a presentation on the activities of the Queen Alia Fund for Social Development (QAF) and toured the centre's kindergarten, examined programmes designed to rehabilitate women in the community and viewed women's committees and activities at the centre.

The group also produced handmade products pro-duced by local families in the rural market which is sponsored by the centre to market surplus products.

Saturday's visit marked the opening of the sewing workshop which is designed to help women from needy families.

Cosima Hadidi, the international relations coordinator at QAF, told the Jordan Times that the UNDP team is here to observe U.N.-supported

Her Royal Highness Princess Basma Development Programme Administrator Saturday reviews the activities of the James Gustave Speth (Photo by Rana Princess Basma Social Development Cen- Husseini) tre in Irbid with visiting United Nations

to assess additional needs. "The UNDP is mainly interested in visiting the sites and seeing what they

projects," Ms. Hadidi said. The team is expected to conclude their visit to the Kingdom today.

The UNDP chief arrived

in Jordan on Sept. 2 for talks with His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, and Princess

National Population Commission approaches family planning via Islam, societal norms

can do to help improve the

By Cathy King Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - Jordan suffers from one of the highest population growth rates in the world with a total fertility rate of 5.6 among childbearing women who range in age between 15 and 49 years, adversely affecting economic and social development and general health amongst mothers and infants.

The country's National Population Commission (NPC) strives to deal with these problems in a manner that is religiously and socially acceptable within the Kingdom, NPC Secretary General Nabih Salameh told the Jordan

The NPC, which was activated in 1988, advises the government on population issues and has devised a policy and strategy to deal with family planning in accordance with Islamic doctrine and the norms of Jordanian society, in response to the socioeconomic needs of the country.

The policy and strategy of the NPC, according to Mr. Salameh, concentrates

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Wa-

ter Authority of Jordan (WAJ)

said Saturday that a com-

prehensive study of wastewa-

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was underway.

The scheme will not only

help protect the diminishing

groundwater resources of the

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The workshop served as the first step in the important

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on birth-spacing, health care of mother and child and awareness through education, all of which are interwoven.

Birth-spacing has been proven to reduce infant and maternal mortality rates and to improve the general health of mother and child. Diseases induced by frequent births include

anaemia and diabetes in mothers. Shortened periods between births prohibits sufficient recovery of the mother to ensure good health. Breast-feeding provides

the child with natural immunities, and the nursing period should continue for This practice is in accordance with Islamic

teachings, as is the concept

WO TO TOU vals between births. The NPC's educational and awareness campaign has been designed to meet with the acceptance of the population and is being conveyed through the distribution of pamphlets, television programmes, radio interviews and arti-

des in local newspapers. Workshops, lectures and seminars have been held

under the patronage of Her Royal Highness Princess Basma. The educational prog-

ramme also extends to secondary schools where children from the age of 13 have lessons on Information, Education and Communication (IEC). These lessons introduce the concepts of family planning as advocated by the NPC.

The Jordanian delegation which will be departing for Cairo today, to attend the International Conference on Population and Development which will begin on Sept. 5, will pre-sent a 16-chapter report that discusses four main

points. The most important of these is that of abortion. Abortion contravenes not be practised as a means

of family planning. Only in the event that the mother's life be endangered, may abortions be performed and only within the bounds of mar-

The other occasion when it is regarded acceptable, is if the fetus is known to be retarded, and then only if three doctors concur and

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Mr. Shahada is the father

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The oldest female twins,

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"We know each other, but

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formed within 90 days of conception, Mr. Salameh explained.

The next issue concerns the family planning services available in Jordan, which are offered by health centres to married couples only and which provide awareness and education, particularly regarding birth-spacing and health following childbirth.

The report includes the recommendations offered for the development of women, especially those in rural areas where ignorance regarding the health of mother and child is a problem.

Finally the question of services afforded to the large refugee population within Jordan will be cessity to introduce more family planning centres in districts housing refugees.

Mr. Salameh, who is a member of the Cairobound delegation, said that the importance of attending the conference lies within the interaction with the international community and having the opportunity to express the needs of Jordanian and Muslim

people. He also stresses the need to take religious views into consideration. The conference, he added, will provide the opportunity to exchange experience encoun-tered by the various groups

Mr. Salameh recognised the need for the information centres to be supported by "technical knowhow" and said that training programmes should be provided for the centres' em-

ployees. Support from the developed countries and birthrate experts is essential to help relieve the burdens suffered by the developing countries which can be partially attributed to the high

population growth. Poverty and unemployhardships particularly endured in countries where the birthrate run on continue to grow at an alarming rate. However, Al Dustour Arabic daily Saturday quoted Upper House of Parliament member Abdul Aziz Khayyat, an opponent of the Cairo conference, as saying "development, not birth control, is the solution to the poverty."

Shahada and Nizar Mohammad

and degrees of intelligence. But twins of two or more ova usually differ. Ahmad, Mohammad and

Mahmoud (24) are triplets — the first two are identical, but Mahmoud is completely different, physically and in character, said his brothers. "He is nervous, and reli-

gious, while we are singers and ready to perform anywhere, even at night clubs," said Ahmed. Although the idea of the

festival was original and was well attended by twins and their families from Syria, Iraq and Jordan as ell as foreign resident twins in Jordan, the event turned into a fiasco.

In fact, even the activities were presented in chaos. By the end of the festiv-

al, the stage was in a state of utter confusion. When prizes were to be awarded to all the participating twins, the 40 organisers lost control of the estimated 2.000 attendees.

"Thanks to all the twins and their families for this chaos," shouted the editorial director of Fursa Magazine, Jalal Khawaldeh,

through the microphone. "If you do not keep order, we will use other means to force you to do so," said Mr. Khawaldeh acting as the master of ceremonies. Elsewhere, Majed

Khateeb, the general director of the festival, was in a We should have asked

the general security forces to control such people," he told the Jordan Times. Four hours into the festival, the stage was a mess, and keeping order was out

of the question. So, Mr. Khateeb asked the committee in charge to stop handing out the prizes. Most of the twins went home empty-handed.

Children were seen pursuing the committee members asking for their prizes.

but to no avail. At the end of the festival. the organisers as well as the attendees were dis-

appointed. It was interesting to hear about another committee, called Ibda' Group and headed by Khalid Saif, which is seeking to hold another twins festival in October.

ture in Arabic entitled "On the Literature of Children" by Mr. Abdul Tawab &. Youref at Abdul Hameed Shoman Found-

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> ter aquifers which are so important to Jordan. According to Mr. Outeishat, the scheme is expected to start in 1996-1997 with financial assistance from

source. take several years to be im-plemented, added the WAJ chief.

Dazzling dual details **WAJ studies** disguise doubles debacle

By Angham Tamimi

Special to the Jordan Times AMMAN — Her Royal Highness Princess Zein, a twin herself of her sister Aisha, Friday evening in-augurated the first Arab Twins Festival, which soon after her departure, metamorphosed into double,

even triple, trouble. Performed by the attending twins, the evening's festival survived various activities such as poetryreciting, anthem-singing, oud-playing, and a judo round, in addition to a variety show staged by several Jordanian folklore groups.

joint venture of Arabtech-Jardaneh of Amman with in-But then the spotlight ternational consultants Montwas turned on a contest gomery Watson, introduced which focused on the the new concept at a recent physical attributse of the 228 participating twins. workshop attended by 50 delegates from the local com-A panel of judges scrutimunities, government minis-tries and the Amman municinised the outer appearance of the contestants and pality, said Mr. Quteishat.

named whom they saw as the most beautiful female twins, the most handsome male twins, the most amusing twins, the prettiest female costume, the best male costume, the most fascinating female hairstyle, the most fascinating male hairstyle, the oldest twins, the most identical female twins, and the most identical male twins. There was, however, one more

the most creative twins. Chats with some of the lookalike siblings revealed some dazzling dual details. The oldest and most identical male twins. Shahada and Nizar Mohammad (43), told the Jordan

Times that being identical

was exciting.

serious category, that of

burden of raising up the rest of our children, some of whom are still students. Bashir and Munir Najib, 25, both suffer from nasal sinus problems, eye sensitivity, and at one time required the same surgical

operation.

that when I think of something, my twin came to talk to me about it," Munir said, alluding to the alleged telepathic abilities of twins. Attendees were not linited to twins. Eleven-

year-old triplets Dima,

"It happened many times

Dania and Derien said that their relatives call them all by one name, "Derien." "We share the same feelings, same school grades, and same interests," they

said at the same time. Identical twins often share many common phenomena including similar feelings, thinking, diseases,

Bosnian Serbs threaten to blockade Muslim enclaves

Herzegovina (Agencies) — Cut off by his former patrons in Serbia, the leader of Bosnia's Serbs threatened to retaliate by blocking vital aid to Muslim enclaves.

In another ominious sign for Muslims, U.N. officials said Friday that Serb rebels appear to be in the final stages of a campaign to force the remaining non-Serbs out of parts of northern and northeastern Bosnia.

The blockade threat by Radovan Karadzic reflected his leadership's desperation a month after Serbia cut support in an attempt to have crippling U.N. trade sanctions lifted.

"Even a bird will not be able to fly across until the world forces Yugoslavia to lift its economic sanctions against us." Mr. Karadzic told an assembly of Bosnian Serbs late Thursday.

Serbia and Montenegro are the only remaining republics in Yugoslavia, the supplies from Serbia were the lifeline that sustained the rebel Serbs during their 29-month-long

The war broke out in 1992 when Bosnia's minority Serbs revolted against a vote by Muslims and Bosnian Croats to secede from Yugoslavia.

Serbia's president. Slobodan Milosevic, has rejected international demands for monitors on the border between Bosnia and Serbia, but the embargo appears to be

"No one in the world expected Yugoslavia to introduce... sanctions against us." Mr. Karadzic told the assembly of Bosnian Serbs in Pale. east of Sarajevo. He said this gave Bosnian Serbs the same right to impose sanctions against others.

He also told the international community it "can start drawing up a new peace plan."

rejection of the latest Bos-

nian peace plan that touched off Serbia's embargo. Serbia hopes to end the U.N. sanctions against Yugoslavia by backing the Bosnian Serbs into a corner and forcing

them to accept the plan. Bosnian Serbs have rebutfed the plan because it would require them to relinquish about one-third of the 70 per cent of Bosnia they seized during the war. The remaining 51 per cent would go to a Muslim-Croat federation. which has accepted the prop-

Bosnia's Muslim prime minister. Haris Silajdzic, said Mr. Karadzic's threat was "nothing new."

"He keeps threatening that." Mr. Silajdzic said. "It's never-ending. And the U.N. keeps sending delegations to talk to them, even while he is openly threatening Bosnia, It is obvious that the international community has no answer to open genocide."
The U.N. High Commis-

sioner for Refugees — the main agency delivering aid to Muslim enclaves in Bosnian Serb-held areas - did not shrug off the threat.

"UNHCR makes no bones about it: The enclaves are on an umbilical cord," said spokesman Peter Kessler in Sarajevo. "The Serbs control what goes in and out."

The most vulnerable enclaves are Srebrenica, Zepa and Gorazde in eastern Bosnia. The Bosnian government maintains that because of previous blockades, deliveries are down to 98 grammes of food a day per person in Srebrenica.

But Mr. Kessler said there wasn't any immediate threat of starvation. He said 80 per cent of planned U.N. deliveries got through in July, and a similar amount in August.

He also reiterated U.N. concern about continuing Serb expulsions of Muslims from northern Bosnia. As many as 600 people crossed the front line between Serb-



General Andre Soubirou (right) of France, UNPRO-FOR commander of the Sarajevo region, escorts Vatican Ambassador to Bosnia Francesco Montaris (centre) from his plane after his arrival in Sarajevo. Mr. Montaris is preparing the scheduled visit of Pope John Paul II (AFP photo)

held Bijeljina and government-controlled Tuzla early Friday, he said.

Some refugees said they were loaded into buses at the Bijeljina train station. Along the way, the local Serb commander. Vojislav Djurkovic. had buses with empty seats stop so more Muslims could be forced out of their homes to fill them, the refugees said.

Since July 17, about 1,700 Muslims had been forced from Bijeljina and nearby Janja, said Mr. Kessler. There were believed to be fewer than 1,000 left in the area, and more refugees were expected in Tuzla over the weekend.

Expulsions have increased since July, when Bosnian Serb leaders first rejected the latest peace plan. About 200,000 people have

been reported killed or mis-

The declaration stressed

that trade relations must be

backed up by an adequate

legal framework, something

the Russian government

admits is currently sorely

tween the two giant neighbours reached \$7.7 billion in

1993 but exports from both

countries have dropped by

more than a third so far this

year, almost reversing last

year's gains, Russian officials

The slump comes amid

moves by both countries to

undate primitive barter trad-

ing methods, border controls

Total trade volume be-

Also Friday, mediators Lord Owen of the European Community and Thorvald Stoltenberg of the United Nations said they would go to Serbia on Sunday to meet with Mr. Milosevic. They also planned to go to Montenegro and Croatia.

In Macedonia, another breakaway Yugoslay republic, one person was shot in the arm Friday on the tense border with Serbia, the third such incident in two weeks. The shooting occurred

near Tanusevci. 25 kilometres north of the Macedonian capital, Skopje. It was not clear who fired.

Meanwhile, a Vatican envoy planned to hold talks with Bosnian Serb leaders on Saturday to discuss security concerns over Pope John Paul's visit to Sarajevo next

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"In Bosnia, threats are a surround Sarajevo, has so far refused to guarantee the way of life but we hope these Pope's safety. He has alleged that Muslim-led government threats are not carried out." Mr. Kessler said that the Bosnian Serbs could block troops might stage an attempt more than 8,000 tonnes a on the Pope's life and try to month of relief supplies blame it on Serb forces. "Nuncio (Francesco) bound for Sarajevo and east-

ing road convoys and stop-ping the relief airlift to the Karadzic in Pale on Saturday afternoon to discuss the security issue." Viktor Andreev, head of U.N. Civil Bosnian capital. Diplomats interpreted Mr. Affairs in Bosnia, said on Karadzic's threat as a sign that the embargo was begin-

Mr. Andreev, who served ning to hite. as an intermediary in setting Major powers have asked up the meeting in the Serb Mr. Milosevic to accept international monitoring of his blockade in exchange for an stronghold of Pale outside Sarajevo, said its outcome easing of sanctions on rump would be crucial in deciding whether adequate security could be provided for the Asked about the possible deployment of foreign moni-

The 74-year Pontiff plans to visit Sarajevo next Thursday, when he is expected to celebrate an outdoor mass for 25,000 people in a stadium used for the 1984 Olympic speed skating competition, a Vatican spokesman said this

Bosnian Serb leader Rado-

van Karadzic, whose forces

Monterisi will meet Dr.

Friday.

But security issues still overshadow planning for the visit and many in the Bosnian capital fear the Pontiff may be forced to cancel at the last moment.

Orthodox Serbs have often accused the Pope of siding with Roman Catholic Croats in the conflict in former

Yugoslavia. Meanwhile, U.N. aid officials warned of a humanitarian disaster if Mr. Karadzic carried out a threat to cut food and utility supplies to areas held by Muslim and Croat-backed government

Mr. Karadzic has threatened to cut off gas. power, water and food to Muslim and Croat areas until Serbian-led Yugoslavia ends an embargo against his peo-

"There would be zero not to be named.

Tribal court banishes teens

bery, a tribal official said. Roberts, both 18, "will put out for 12 to 18 months," said

judge in Everett, Washington, agreed to free them to

tors on the Serbian-Bosnian proper authority by Rudy James, a tribal member who border, Mr. Karadzic refrained from criticising Belnegotiated their release by promising they would pay "This is strictly an internal issue for Yugoslavia. We tional tribal sentence. have no intention to interfere. As far as we are con-

been a traditional punishment for the Tlingit, Alaska's

Jim Townsend, the Snohomish County prosecutor in the case, said Mr. James had consistently misled the court where the youths pleaded guilty to the August 1993

cross front lines northeast of Tuzla to reach safety in the Bosnian government-held area after they were expelled from the Bijeljina region. said a U.N. peacekeeping said. The youth Roberts and "They had been on the road for about 24 hours since being expelled from their homes and they had to walk

and a pizza. "reverse racism," referring to what he called special treat-

ceremony-filled tribal court proceeding in Klawock, the only one in recent memory: He said the two youths will be sent out as early as Saturday to undisclosed islands. where they will be given tools and training and help building shelter for the winter and

"Their main task is to rehabilitate themselves by looking at themselves, looking at their own soul and finding out where the good is... so they can be good people," he

On Friday French Presi-

The International Herald Saturday Mr. Leotard's visit

for robbery

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (R) A tribal court sentenced two Alaskan Indians Friday to at least a year of banishment on separate uninhabited islands for a brutal rob-Adrian Guthrie and Simon

Byron Skinna, a Tlingit Indian who was part of the 11member court that deliberated for two days over the The case drew international attention after a state

face traditional native justice in their hometown of Klawock, Alaska, rather than go to prison.
Some tribal members say the court was set up without

restitution and serve a tradi-Others in the southeastern Alaskan village of 800 people say banishment has never

largest tribe with 20,000 members.

assault and robbery of pizza delivery man Tim Whittlesey. The victim was beaten so badly with a baseball bat in the attack near Seattle that he lost his hearing in one ear and nearly died, prosecutors

Guthrie, who testified before the tribal court that they were drunk at the time, got \$40 Mr. Townsend, who sought sentence of three to five years in the case, is appealing the decision made by superior court Judge James Allendoerfer, citing

ment given the two youths because of their ethnic herit-Mr. Skinna defended the

then monitored periodically.

Mr. Skinna said rehabilitation was impossible in jail, where the two vouths spent a year awaiting sentencing. Mr. Skinna also said Mr. Whittlesey, 25, who appeared at the hearing and has supported the experi-

ment, will be given two par-

cels of Alaskan land and paid

an undisclosed amount of

cash in restitution. Mr. Allendoerfer has ordered Guthrie and Roberts to return to his court in march 1994 to determine whether they have been punished adequately.

British child support chief quits

LONDON (R) - Opponents of a government agency which orders absent fathers to pay for their children were jubilant on Saturday at the resignation of its head, dubbed by some newspapers as the most hated woman in Britain.

ped down from her job at the Child Support Agency on Friday with 18 months of her contract still to run, admitting it has been "an exceptionally demanding post." Opponents of the agency

Ros Hepplewhite, 41, step-

accuse it of making unfair demands on fathers who already pay some maintenance, and not pursuing others who escape their responsibilities with enough vigour. They say at least five

people have committed suicide after it ordered them to make payments they could not afford. Didi Rossi, a spokes-

woman for the pressure group campaign against the Child Support Act, said Ms. Hepplewhite's decision to quit was "a great victory."

The agency, which British newspapers have accused of working more to save the government money in welfare than to help single mothers, has admitted teeth-. ing problems.

run Philippine National Oil Co., which operates the mine, said that so far; 73 bodies have been extracted from the mine and only nine miners were still missing. However, she said that rescuers had seen the bodies of eight more people in the tun-

nel, although they have not

been able to remove them

yet. The explosion has been

blamed on methane gas that

leaked into the mine

although it is still unclear

Hopes fade for

MANILA (AFP) - Hopes

dimmed Saturday that addi-

tional survivors would be

found more than five days

after the Philippines' worst

coal mine disaster, even as

navy frogmen were sent to

search flooded tunnels. A

spokesman for military forces

in the southern Philippines

said that the death toll from

the blast at the Malangas coal

mine had risen to 93 with the

discovery of one more body

and the death of one of those

injured in the explosion. But

a spokeswoman for the state-

survivors in

coal tunnels

what ignited the gas. 'French student raped by Indian policemen'

NEW DELHI (AFP) - .: 2. French student was gang-raped by men believed to be police officers after she was kidnapped from the home of friends in the northern Indian city of Chandigarh, newspapers reported here. Five or six police acting as bodyguards for a politician allegedly seized the 20-year-old from the home of her Kenyan friends on the night of Aug. 31 and raped her in another house, the Hindustan Times and other dailies said. One of the Kenyans was quoted as saying that the abductors were armed with AK-47 assault rifles. The woman escaped her captors the next morning and told her friends she had been raped. But under pressure from the police, she charged her abductors only with a less serious count of molestation, the newspapers said. The French embassy said it was aware of the case but could not confirm the girl's nationality. Police sources in Chandigarh, capital of the state of Punjab, said the women's complaint was under investigation. The Asian Age daily said she was "extremely traumatised... and desperate to return to France."

Global warming meets with foot-dragging

GENEVA (AP) - Foot-

dragging by some govern-ments has dashed hopes for

swift action to help prevent

global warming, an interna-

tional environmental group warned Friday. The World

Wildlife Fund and other organisations want countries to cut emissions of so-called 'greenhouse gases'' :thought to cause global warming — by 20 per cent by 2005. But many industrialised nations insist that such diastic action would only destroy the economic growth needed to drive any future environmental progress. At a U.N. conference on changes in world climate wrapped up here Friday, representatives from some 150 countries discussed whether a treaty signed at the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio De Janeiro goes far enough in reducing emissions of green-house gases such as carbon dioxide. The treaty now requires developed countries to cut their greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by the year 2000. Though most governments conceded they're not doing enough to maintain greenhouse gases at safe levels, they were unable to agree how to do more. We feel the treaty needs to take several small steps before leapfrogging and going into a a wide range of new measures," said John Shlaes. executive director of the U.S.-based Global Climate Coalition. "Talking about such things as international energy taxes is really quite extraordinary if you realise the sort of ramifications on nations. Circumstances differ and economics differ," he said. "However, Germany and some other nations say delaying action for several years may be too late. Many environmental groups agree. "This is an urgent problem that is not going to go away of its own accord," said WWF official Joy Hyvarinen, "The tragedy is we have a chance to avert it and we are throwing that chance away." Scientists believe the greenhouse gases, mainly produced by the burning of coal, oil and other fossil fuels, trap the

warmth of the sun like glass

China and Russia pledge trade partnership

MOSCOW (AFP) — The president of China and Russia met Saturday to end their nuclear standoff, settle a dispute over their immense border and set up conditions for a booming trade partnership, Kremlin officials said.

The accords signed by presidents Jiang Zemin and Boris Yeltsin at the Kremlin were billed as a blueprint for Chinese-Russian cooperation well into the 21st century.

Mr. Jiang's Russia visit was the first by a Chinese president since Mao Zedong in 1957 and cemented a substantial improvement in relations between the two former communist rivals that began in

the 1980s. During the meeting Mr. Jiang invited Yeltsin to China and said he regarded him as "an old friend," ITAR-TASS

reported. The two leaders agreed to detarget their strategic missiles from each other's sites and not to launch a first nuclear strike, a Yeltsin spokesman told AFP.

The agreement on a 55kilometre section of the western end of the Chinese-Russian border, came within a fraction of ending a century-old dispute over the 4,400-kilometre frontier.



Chinese leader Jiang Zemin stands at attention after laying a wreath at the Tomb of Unknown Soldier, in Moscow (AFP photo)

border, the scene of heavy fighting in 1969, remains un-

Talks on Russian arms sales to China were not announced, but weapons are one of Russia's most successful exports and negotiations were to take place, sources

told AFP in Beijing. The two presidents also signed a joint declaration pledging to fully exploit potential trade and scientific

cooperation. "Maximum advantage must be taken of the geog-raphical proximity, the character of the economies and the way they complement each other," the statement said, according to Interfax. flood of illegal Chinese immigrants and poor quality consumer goods.

There are 27,000 Chinese registered in Russia, although migration experts put the real number at between 180,000 and 200,000. In Moscow alone there are an ated 10,000 Chinese many of them living illegally and selling cheap consumer goods in marketplaces.

Problems in transporting goods doomed a quarter of all contracts last year, accord-ing to Russia's minister for economic relations, Oleg Davidov.

After decades of mistrust and military tension along the frontier, relations entered a thaw with Soviet president Mikhail Gorbachev's historic visit to Beijing in 1989, followed by Mr. Yeltsin's visit in

"Relations, after some zigzag developments during a number of years, have gradually developed into a mature relationship," the spokesman for China's foreign ministry quoted Mr. Jiang as saying at a press confer-

NATO plays down first French attendance since 1966 Successive French govern-ments have followed this line.

BRUSSELS (AFP) -NATO Saturday played down the significance of Par-is's decision to attend a meeting of NATO defence ministers later this month for the first time in almost 30 years and said it was entirely "nor-

mal". French Defence Minister Francois Leotard is schemeeting of his North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) opposite numbers

in Seville, Spain at the end of this month. Speaking Saturday, a NATO source, who asked not to be named, said, "we would be astonished if France did not take part in this particular meeting. It is an informal meeting where we will be

discussing subjects such as With 6,000 soldiers in Bosnia, France has the biggest contingent in the U.N. peacekeeping force in the former Yugoslav state.

France has boycotted NATO meetings since 1966 when then president Charles de Gaulle pulled his country's forces out of the organisation's integrated command, claiming it was dominated by

"It will not be a meeting of the planning committee the NATO source said, adding Mr. Leotard's attendance "does not mean France is going to re-join the integrated command."

"The French must decide one step at a time" if they are ready to fully rejoin NATO said the same source, adding "they will always be wel-During a summit meeting of the 16 NATO heads of

state in January, France said it would occasionally consider sending its defence minister or chief of staff to NATO meetings.
At the time, Paris made clear such decisions would be

made on a case-by-case basis. dent Francois Mitterrand's spokesman, Jean Musitelli, confirmed France still wanted to remain outside NATO's integrated command.

Tribune newspaper said showed a shift towards greater realism in French policy which would please other NATO member govern-

and transport networks. Last year an estimated 64 ence Saturday. The eastern end of the the United States. Explosives taking daily toll, no major demining under way

Ulysse Gashamaza, 11, had just returned home to Kigali with his family after years of exile. Strolling in the garden, one unlucky step cost him his left leg and his right eve.

As 10-year-old Mbonigaba gathered firewood in a forest near his house in northwestern Rwanda, a mine explosion tore off one of his legs and gouged his face. Grace Muhashemana, 9,

also strayed onto one of the estimated 50,000 mines sown in this country torn by war and vengeance. Her right leg is so mangled that an artificial leg will be very difficult to fit. Her body is wrapped in bandages. There is danger of infection.

"In all the damn wars I've been to, she was one of the most pitiful sights," says Dr. Ricardo Ribas, standing beside the sleeping girl as he describes how the explosion embedded mud, grass, in-sects and shrapnel into her These children are certain-

ly not the last of Rwanda's mine victims. Each day, between two and six casualties are recorded, and neither the international community nor the new Rwandan government has begun to clear the

Rwanda is the latest killing field of leftover mines, which

cause about 800 civilian deaths per month worldwide, the Red Cross says. Up to 100 million land mines, usually remnants of civil wars, are scattered in more than 50

In nearby Angola, some 9 million mines lie in wait. In Mozambique, the United Nations' mine-clearing operation could take as long as 10

countries.

Although a U.N. miningclearing plan was drawn up last month for Rwanda, the search for an initial \$4.3 million to finance it and contractors to carry it out is expected to take until late this year or early 1995. Clearance by the U.N. has been largely restricted to protecting its own peacekeeping troops.

"Mine clearance is needed on roads, in urban and rural areas, and mine awareness training is needed for all," the plan says. It calls for civilian experts to be hired for surveying mined areas. destroying explosives and training 150 Rwandans to clear mines.

Capt. Mark Huriston, who heads the four-man U.N. Mine Action headquarters. said large numbers of mines were laid last year in north-, ern parts of Rwanda by the former Hutu government and the Tutsi-led Rwandan Patriotic Front rebel.

By the time the war and massacres ended in mid-July with a rebel victory, unmarked and unmapped mines, booby traps and other explosive devices were strewn around the country-

awash with them. There is nowhere in Kigali where Fcould put my hand on my heart and say it's safe," Mr. Huriston told re-

anti-personnel and antivehicle mines being discoveret were variously made in Israel, Italy, Belgium, the United States, South Africa and the former Soviet Union.

Mine victims are often ru-

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U.N. peacekeepers principally British and Canadians — bave detonated nearly 1,000 explosives, but they are legally bound to work only to protect their mission. Some information about mine locations, often gathered from relief agencies and journalists, has also been compiled.

ral people working their fields for gathering wood and water, said Ribas, a Brazilian surgeon with the humanitarian agency Doctors Without Borders. There are also many cases

of little children severely

wounded, sometimes in

groups of four and five, when



playing with grenades or unexploded shells. Although a veteran of

seven war zones — including Angola, where a vehicle in which he was travelling detonated a mine - Ribas' voice chokes with anger and pity as he walks the wards of the King Faisal Hospital.
"There are far more eye ment, their limbs already in-

injuries here than we had in Angola or Mozambique." he says. "Some arrive with only a few scratches and two blind

This is probably due to the

widespread use of "butterfly opened the country's only prosthetic and physiotherapy mines" — small explosives that spring up out of the centre.

an exercise machine, hoping

to bring some strength back

to what is left of his two legs. Entering the vestibule of his

home, the 42-year-old taxi

driver was struck by a blast

ground before exploding. Using mainly local mate-Since the only two hospitrials, four Rwandan technials in Rwanda capable of cians fashion simple artificial treating mine victims are legs and crutches for the both in Kigali, the wounded amputees. must sometimes travel for days before receiving treat-One amputee, Mambo Morakezi, works out daily on

fected and beginning to rot. After surgery and recuperation, amputees are taken to Kigali Central Hospital, where the agency Handicap International has recently

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NEWS IN BRIEF MANILA (AFP)

dimmed Saturday to Bangladeshi PM welcomes S. Korean counterpart found more than in DHAKA (AFP) — Bangladeshi Prime Minister Khaleda coal mine disaster, is counterpart Lee Yung Duk, who is here on a three-day search flooded was official visit, officials said. Ms. Zia greeted Mr. Lee at the spokesman for him state guest house, Korotoa, where he also inspected an in the southern his pained forces honour guard. Official talks focusing on said that the death of political and economic issues are scheduled later Saturday, the blast at the Malay leader to this South Asian country, they added. The streets discovery of one has another him and the national flags of the two Asian countries. injured in the explosion and the national flags of the two Asian countries. Institute of the property of the political state of the politi

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'French stude S. African neo-Nazis celebrate anniversary

raped by India HEIDELBERG, South Africa (R) — South African neo-Nazi leader Eugene Terre Blanche on Saturday led his private army on horseback through this small town south of NEW DELHI (AFP) Johannesburg to celebrate his AWB group's 21st French student was anniversary. Several hundred members of the paramilitary raped by men believe to the strapped to their waists, marched through the streets kidnapped from the street kidnapped from the latter wasts, marched through the streets kidnapped from the latter wasts, marched through the streets kidnapped from the latter wasts, marched through the streets kidnapped from the latter wasts, marched through the streets kidnapped from the latter wasts, marched through the streets kidnapped from the latter wasts, marched through the streets kidnapped from the symbol. Mr. Terre Blanche, astride a black stallion, led city of Chandigarh, let the procession of senior members on horseback, a marched through the interest wasts, marched through the streets kidnapped from the latter wasts, marched through the streets kidnapped from the latter wasts, marched through the streets kidnapped from the latter wasts, marched through the streets kidnapped from the latter wasts, marched through the streets kidnapped from the latter wasts, marched through the streets kidnapped from the latter wasts, marched through the streets kidnapped from the latter wasts, marched through the streets kidnapped from the latter wasts, marched through the streets wasts, marched through through thr the country's first-all-race elections in April. The poll was won the AWB's arch-foe, the African National Congress of Nelson Mandela, who was sworn in as South Africa's first friends on the night of town where the AWB was founded came to a halt as the 31 and raped her in a army marched through the centre. Several black residents house, the Hindson walking towards a taxi rank stopped and stared from a and other dailies said of walking towards a taxi rank stopped and stared from a the Kenyans was que armoured military vehicle maintained a watchus production saying that the able. Absent were the nearly 40 AWB member out on bail facing that killed at least 20 people in the assault rifles. The strum-up to the country's first all-race elections last April. escaped her captors in Tun-up to the country's most an instance at the morning and told her in showground just outside the town, where Mr. Terre she had been raped. Blanche is due to address his supporters later in the day.

police, she charged Indonesia to keep abortion clauses out

abductors only with in serious count of molecular JAKARTA (AFP) — The Indonesian delegation to the serious count of molecular JAKARTA (AFP) — The Indonesian delegation to the the newspapers said World Population Summit in Cairo has pledged to keep French embassy sad ir controversial clauses on abortion, free sex and homosexual aware of the case of marriage out of the conference's final documents, the not confirm the par official Antara news agency said Saturday. The Indonesian nationality. Police was Council of Ulemas, the highest Islamic authority in the Chandigarh, capital dir country (MUI) and the Catholic Bishops Conference state of Punjab, sair (KWI) have appealed to the Indonesian delegation to women's complain was strongly oppose any initiative to legalise abortion, "free investigation. The Asia sex" and homosexual marriage. State Secretary Murdiono daily said she was "cum". has said that President Suharto was not able to attend the traumatised... and descriptions because of a minor kidney problem.

U.S. voters abroad offered free courier service

WASHINGTON (AP) - Free courier service to help Americans abroad cast absentee election ballots in Novemwith foot-dragge, ber was announced Friday. The service will be operated by DHL worldwide express, which has 1,500 offices through-out the world, and the Federated League of Americans dragging by some grant Around the Globe (FLAAG). An estimated 3 million civilian Americans who are potential votate will be according to the civilian Americans who are potential votates will be accorded. ments has dashed hope civilian Americans who are potential voters will be outside the United States on Nov. 8, election day. In order to vote, they have to be officially registered in their home districts and return their absentee ballots back to those districts in time. Voters were asked to bring federal post card application forms to the nearest DHL office before Sept. 16. DHL will accept completed ballots until Nov. 1. It said it would carry the completed ballots to the United States and deposit them with the U.S. Postal Service for Forwarding. Mr. Flagg said thousands of voters took advantage of a similar offer in 1992, when it was first made.

Italy opposes twin-track Europe option

ROME (AFP) — The Italian government said Saturday it would not accept a French and German proposal advocating a multi-track Europe, orbiting a core consisting of France, Germany, Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands. "This is an unacceptable proposal which would end up by splintering Europe," Italian Foreign Minister Antonio Martino said in a statement published by the Italian press on Saturday. Mr. Martino said the position taken in Germany by Chancellor Helmut Kohl's Christian Democrats (CDU), the main coalition partner, "does not constitute an official government proposal. When it becom-es one, then we will see." On Thursday the CDU presented a document on the future of Europe which advocates a multi-track Europe" orbiting around a core of all the nations, bar Italy, which signed the European Union's founding Treaty of Rome 37 years ago. The idea found favour with French Prime Minister Edouard Balladur who suggested a multi-pace Europe with different countries evolving in the Union at different speeds. The Italian press Saturday wrote that Mr. Kohl had excluded Italy, but that during the first weeks of Silvio Berlusconi's new govern-ment in spring, the Italian premier had found the support from Germany which failed to materialise in other Euro-rean states. "We have been reduced to a second-rate Bravo!" headlined La Voce, a right-leaning indehandshake. La Stampa, a moderate conservative also wrote that "Italy risks moving into the B-grade." The left-wing La Repubblica writes that Italy received "a slap in the face from Bonn"

Policeman wounded while arresting skinheads

BONN (AFP) - A policeman suffered face wounds while arresting a group of five skinheads aged between 17 and 21 who were harrassing passers by and shouting "Heil Hitler"
Ther city centre overnight, police said Saturday. The policeman, who was kicked in the face, was still in hospital Saturday, police said. The skinhead suffered minor injuries. Police said they had arrested four of the skinheads with no trouble but the suspected leader of the group fied.
When he was found later by police he put up a violent Struggle, they said.

Japan cuts illegal immigration

POKYO (AFP) - The number of foreigners staying illegally in Japan has fallen after officials stepped up raids and the Japanese employment situation worsened, the Justice Minister said here Saturday. There were 293,800 illegal foreigners in Japan on May 1, down 2,951 or one per confirm six months earlier, the ministry said. Among them were 49,992 Thai nationals, 43,369 South Koreans, 39,738 Chinese, 37,544 Filipinos and 20,757 Iranians.

Clinton promises aid for Irish reconciliation

EDGARTOWN, Mass (Agencies) --- President Clinton has promised U.S. aid to promote peace in Northern Ireland but postponed any commitment on the amount until projects have been identified and it's clearer whether a ceasefire will last.

Visiting Irish Foreign Minister Dick Spring said be was hopeful of "substantial funds" from the U.S. after meeting with Mr. Clinton at his vacation retreat to discuss ways of following up on the Irish Republican Army's ceasefire in Northern Ireland's sectarian violence.

But while Mr. Clinton spoke of a U.S. "peace dividend" to promote reconciliation in Northern Ireland. he also mentioned U.S. budgetary restraints to Mr. Spring and said private as well as public aid should be considered, the White House

"We will help both politically and economically, but it's premature to put a dollar figure on it," White House Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers said.

Mr. Clinton told reporters after the 45-minute meeting that the United States would "do whatever we can to help" bring peace to all groups in Northern Ireland - the loyalists who favour continued union of the province with Britain and the nationalists who want union with Treland.

"The United States is strongly supportive of this peace process," Mr. Clinton said. "We want to reach out to work with all the elements in Ireland, in Northern Ireland. We want all the communities to feel a part of the peace process and to feel that there is a peace dividend."

Mr. Spring, asked whether Mr. Clinton was bid-

ing his time while he waited to see if the violence had ceased, acknowledged officials were at the stage of

"awaiting developments." A key factor, he said, would be some signal from the loyalist community that they are prepared to commit to a ceasefire and "accept that the war in Belfast is

"Obviously violence is stopped on the Republican side," he said. "If we can get the violence to cease on the other side and a strong commitment to that, that presents us with an opportunity that has not been there in the past.

The IRA's ceasefire in its campaign against British rule in Northern Ireland took effect Thursday. But it was marred on the first day by the shooting of a Catholic man. The extremist group the Ulster Freedom Fighters, which is battling to defend the province's British status, claimed responsibility for the death.

Mr. Spring said he and Mr. Clinton didn't discuss figures, but agreed a committee of the international fund for Ireland would look at what reconstruction projects were needed and report back to

the president. "I am indeed grateful for the assistance promised by President Clinton this morning," Mr. Spring said. would hope that substantial funds would be forthcom-

The amount would have to be approved by Congress, which has already passed its appropriations bills for the year, so any decisions would have to made next year, Mr. Spring said.

The United States already contributes \$20 million a year to the International Fund for Ireland. News reports have



U.S. President Bill Clinton (left) shows Irish Foreign Minister Dick Spring the property where the Clinton family has been vacationing on Martha's Vineyard, Mass. Mr. Spring travelled to Martha's Vineyard to brief President Clinton on the ceasefire in Northern Ireland (AFP photo)

said Clinton is considering raising that to up to \$200 million, although this could include a mix of public and private money leveraged by government loan guarantees or insurance.

Myers said Mr. Clinton also wanted to increase trade and investment with Northern Ireland

The International Fund for Ireland was set up by the British and Irish governments in the 1980s to attract international aid for reconstruction in Northern Ireland. Asked what else the Un-

ited States could do to help promote peace, Mr. Spring

said there he thought politicians from both sides of the conflict could meet in America to "work in an environment free from any difficulties they've had on the ground in Belfast." But he said he and Mr.

Clinton did not discuss the possibility of a summit of the British, Irish and U.S. leaders, although this has been mentioned as a possibility by Irish Prime Minister Albert Reynolds.

Meanwhile, Mr. Reynolds said Saturday that Dublin was in contact with the main loyalist extremist groups in Northern Ireland following

the decision of the Irish Re-publican Army to end its campaign of violence.

In an interview with BBC radio, Mr. Reynolds implied that the British government was also involved in talks with the extremist groups following the IRA announcement of a "cessation" of its campaign Wednesday.

The contacts are "ongoing," Mr. Reynolds

They are going to continue because now that we have a decision to stop the guns on one side, we want to stop them on the other side,"

Loyalists extremists in the Ulster Volunteer Force (UVF) and the Ulster Freedom Fighters (UFF) have killed more people in the past three years than the IRA, and late Thursday, less than 24 hours after the IRA began its ceasefire, the UFF shot dead a 33-year-old Catholic, John O'Hanlon, claiming he was linked to the Republican movement.

Mr. Reynolds said however that he was still "very consciously hopeful" that there would be a positive response from the loyalists.

The contacts are still there and I think it's a question of convincing them that there hasn't been an underhand deal. And, indeed, that the principals of the Downing Street Declaration will still prevail at the end of the day," he said.

The declaration signed by London and Dublin in Downing Street last December set the ground for the present peace process by offering a place in talks to those that renounced violence.

"I have given the same attention to both sets of paramilitaries, and to the people and the connections that

could get messages to them,"

Mr. Reynolds said Saturday.
"The paramilitaries on the loyalist side have indeed been listening to me. I have asked - what were their concerns. and I know they are genuine, serious and deep-felt con-

cerns." "In fact, in the declaration itself, I asked them prior to its completion to write out for me what were the rights they wanted protected, and what were their fears."

"And they have been addressed in their own words, written out paragraph five, six rights they want protected. They are their words, not mine. We are listening to them, we have listened to them and we have displayed our credibility."

The Irish premier said the republic would not be able to decide unilaterally to abandon its claim on Northern Ireland, written into articles two and three of the Irish constitution but that such a change could only come about as part of an overall settlement of the Northern Irish question.

Mr. Revnolds renewed his offer of direct talks with the leader of the moderate Ulster Unionist Party, James Molyneaux.

The unionists, who draw their support mainly from the Protestant majority in Northern Ireland, oppose links with Dublin and favour a continued union with Britain.

On Friday, Mr. Reynolds met John Alderdice, leader of the non-sectarian Alliance Party.

Fearful that the political moves might signal an even-tual breaking of the link between Northern Ireland and Britain, Protestants organised marches Friday demonstrating against the republi-

U.N. postpones Security Council expansion

UNITED NATIONS (R) -A General Assembly committee Friday agreed the Security Council should be enlarged, but reached no decision on how to do this.

As a result, Germany and Japan, who both want a permanent seat on the 15member body, will not achieve that goal for years to come. Japan, in particular, had hoped for at least a preliminary decision before 1995, the 50th anniversary of the United Nations.

A spokesman for

Secretary-General Boutros Ghali said that the U.N. chief, preparing for a visit to Japan, doubted the controversy could be resolved by

"The secretary-general thinks it is unlikely that the question of expansion could be resolved by 1995," spokesman Joe Sills said. But a senior German en-

voy told Reuters that Bonn

was not worried about the

committee's report as long as

discussions continued and the

"momentum was not lost." He said Germany would like to see some concrete proposals within the next vear, but had always realised that actual ratification of any proposal would be a drawn

out process. The diplomat said he was pleased that at least the principle of enlargement of the council was established.

The committee's report said that "while there was a convergence of views that the membership of the Security Council should be enlarged, there was also agreement that the scope and nature of such enlargement require further discussion."

The report, to be given to the General Assembly, will be accompanied by a resolution stating that the group would continue its work and submit another report before the 49th assembly session ends next September.

Diplomats do not expect any further serious meetings until at least November and no substantive proposals are likely to emerge until next summer, if then. Actual ratification of any proposal is expected to take at least two years as it did the last time the Security Council was expanded in 1965.

Both Germany and Japan were excluded from U.N. membership when the world body was founded in 1945 on the ashes of World War II. Permanent Security Council seats with veto power were awarded to the victorious powers - the Soviet Union (now Russia), the Ur ted States, Britain, France and

In addition to the five permanent members, the council has 10 nonpermanent members rotating for two-year terms according to their regions.

The discussions do not only involve permanent membership for Germany and Japan but enlarging the council for developing nations and changing the nature of its

possible agreement Sunday to be worked out.

and Cuba negotiators intend to meet again Sunday and American officials reported progress in negotiations to stop the exodus of thousands of refugees sailing towards Florida in rickety rafts. American officials de-

in reaching a deal on sharply increasing the number of U.S. visas for Cubans if Havana agrees to stop the flight of refugees.

day plucked 1.270 Cubans out of the Florida straits and took them to the U.S. naval base at Guatanamo Bay on the western tip of Cuba. The number fell from about 1,900

increase legal immigration to more than 20.000 Cubans a year in return for Havana

has only allowed in about 2.700 people a year, while Cuba insists a 1982 agreement allowed for thousands more. Washington is also considering other measures to admit more Cubans.

agreement was "do-able" but that many details still needed The spokesman for the

U.S. delegation, David Johnson, told reporters the negotiations covered a "thorough, in-depth discussion to possible solutions to the continued uncontrolled outflow of Cubans and the U.S. proposscribed the talks that began als to replace that outflow dependable legal migration programme.

The two sides also discussed the return of about 1,500 convicts now in U.S. jails who arrived in the 1980 Mariel boatlift and whom Washington wants Cuba to take back.

Cuba has denied it allowed prisoners to join the latest exodus. State Department Spokeswoman Christine Shelly said: "We received assurances that the Cuban authorities have not and would not knowingly permit dangerous criminals to be released for purposes of leaving the country.

The refugees - about 20,000 in August alone - are being taken to the U.S. navy base at Guantanamo Bay on the tip of Cuba where they are being detained, a reversal of U.S. policy which previously admitted all escaping

Cubans.
The United States allocates more than 20,000 immigration visas annually to every country, including Cuba. But so far this year fewer than 3,000 Cubans met the visa requirements, which include having a close family member

ing particular job skills.

So far Cuba has made no attempt to stop the flow.
President Fidel Castro is hoping that the United States will reconsider its 32-year economic embargo.

Mr. Alarcon, a veteran foreign policy expert and inin a series of television interviews that the United States had encouraged the exodus by previously accepting Cubans escaping by sea but

refusing to issue visas. He also alleged that the economic situation, caused mainly by the embargo, was causing the flight and not

political supression. So far the Clinton administration, partly because of pressure from the hardline Cuban-American national foundation in Miami, has kept that issue off the agen-

President Clinton has also banned remittances to Cuba and travel by relatives and increased anti-Castro broad-

In New York, demonstrators against the embargo are/ expected to march Saturday from the United Nations to the Cuban U.N. mission about 10 streets away, police

About 150 people demanding an end to the embargo demonstrated Friday morning. Several anti-Castro protestors opposed them and scuffles broke out. Police arrested two people.

Timor and of the oppression of human rights in Indonesia.

I have confidence in Presi-

dent Suharto to address the

he will address the press on

these issues... so I will leave

the details to him," he said.

that Mr. Mandela has made

the visit, saying he appeared

to have abandoned long-

standing relations between the ANC and the Fretilin

Asked whether his visit

was to secure financial assist-

ance for the ANC, Mr. Man-

Exiled Timorese are angry

"President Suharto told me

problem," he said.

Suharto positive over Timor dialogue — Mandela

JAKARA (R) — Visiting South African President Nelson Mandela said on Saturday his Indonesian counterpart Suharto responded positively to his suggestion for a dialogue to resolve problems in troubled East Timor.

"I raised the issue of East Timor with President Suharto and he gave me a good hearing. My appeal for dialogue was received positively," told a news conference at the end of his two-day private visit to Indonesia.

Mr. Mandela said he did

not discuss details of the dialogue and declined to give more details of Mr. Suharto's response in their talks on the former Portuguese colony, which was annexed by In-donesia in 1976, one year

after a bloody invasion.
The United Nations does not recognise Indonesian rule in the territory, about 2,000 kilometres east of Jakarta. A dwindling band of guer-

Indonesia, which recently re-

coming here," he said.

"It will be sufficient for me to say that I had received representation from a wide variety of people about my

Mr. Mandela said some

dela said he had a fruitful visit and that the question of finances was confidential. Mr. Mandela said he and Mr. Suharto talked about

movement.

ways to reduce poverty, improve illiteracy and expand bilateral trade.
It was Mr. Mandela's first

trip to Jakarta since being sworn in as South Africa's first black president in May.

Irish Protestant women demonstrate against IRA

BELFAST (R) — Women from Belfast's Protestant stronghold, pushing prams and clutching children, took to the streets to accuse the British government of selling

them out to the IRA. About 150 women and children marched from the Shankill Road area to a nearby catholic neighbourhood on Friday night, but police using armoured vehilces as importu roadblocks stopped them going further into

The women vowed to carry on demonstrating until the government proved to them it had not made a secret deal with the Irish Republican Army.

"We think that concessions will come and we will not stand for it. We won't have a united Ireland," said Mary Douglas, who acted as unofficial spokeswoman for the

"We'll take to the streets. the men and all. We'll fight with them shoulder to shoulder. There will be civil war."

Northern Ireland's Protestants, who want the province to stay British, fear the government has struck a covert deal with the IRA that will lead to the fulfilment of the guerrilla group's main demand - transfer of the province to Ireland's control.

They are cynical about the IRA's ceasefire announcement this week and have themselves to stay British. The outlawed Ulster Freedom Fighters (UFF) claimed responsibility for killing a

Catholic man on Thursday night.

The Shankill Road area is thick with UFF graffiti and giant wall murals depicting

masked guerrilla fighters. During Friday night's march the women sang and their young sons tossed firecrackers. One young woman pounded a drum carrying the logo of the Percy Street Girl's

Children clambered over the police armoured vehicles and a three-year-old girl patted the arm of the a policeman as he remonstrated with a screaming woman.

"We can go anywhere we

please," the woman shouted.

Academy.

being stopped by the police. "We have the right to march anywhere. It's our country," she said. "They (the Catholics) are trying to

push us out. It will never

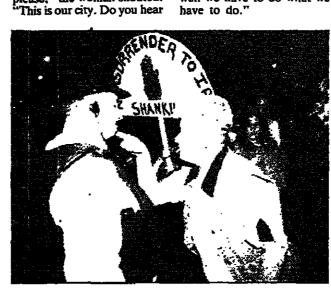
Midred Haggan, 40, told

reporters later she resented

work — you'll end up with a Ms. Haggan repeated what many protestant have been saying — that the IRA has won government recognition

"What works in this country? Violence works in this country," she said. "If violence works in this country. well we have to do what we have to do."

through force.



A resident of the predominantly Protestant Shankill Road area of Belfast argues with a policeman during a protest march after the IRA's historic ceasefire announcement (AFP photo)

U.S.-Cuba talks recess,

The U.S. Coast Guard Fri-

Thursday. After nearly eight hours of talks Friday, negotiators re-cessed until Sunday while Cuban envoys led by Ricardo Alarcon, a former foreign minister, studied U.S. prop-

At issue is a U.S. offer to stopping the exodus. To date the United States

A U.S. official said an

jected a ceasefire-for-talks Timor.
"I raised the issue of East offer by the group.

Indonesia's military

spokesman in East Timor has

said the guerrillas are a spent

force, ill equipped and aban-

movement, Xanan.. Gusmao,

doned by their foreign back-Mr. Mandela, in Indonesia as leader of the African National Congress (ANC), evaded a direct answer on whether he had received a letter from the jailed leader of Timor'a Fretilin guerrilla

over his visit.

"Assuming I received a letter that was smuggled out of prison, it would not be responsible of me to make it public as it could lead to an inquiry," he said.

people had opposed his visit rillas is still fighting for East to Indonesia while others welcomed it as long as he Timor's independence from could raise the issue of East

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When waiting is a virtue

FROM EASTERN Europe to Sweden, education and kealth programmes are facing strong challenges from a commists and politicians who argue that it is no business for the state to be involved in dispensing wellars to the people. Nor, they say, can economic growth he schieved if the state continues to replace the

'invisible hand" of the market. The future is for the private sector, we hear all the dire. The smaller the involvement of governments in the concerny, the better chances it has of attaining higher levels of growth, thus producing better living

realities for the majority of the populace. Processes politicions and economists generally been to be aware that liberalising the economy is the andy way through which the Kingdom can cope with the temperate challenges in the impending peace cra. Unforwarmely, though, the steps that are being taken in the direction are at best say, at worst non-ex

The government continues to be the largest cur-Paper. And the majority of government employ our kardly make ends meet after their salary increase. over the years have falled to even match the rate of included. The purchasing power of these people continued to deteriorate as the cost of living increased.

his against this backdrop that one should assess the making discontent over the decision which the govern-ment had taken to increase school "contributions" which ore in fact fees because students are obliged to say ther - from about JD 3 to JD 5 a year.

The proposed increases might look insignifican most of us, even to some students and their famili but they are a considerable source of reve Ministry of Education considering that 1.4 miles students are attending government schools this year. Many Jordaniza families, on the other hand, were willing to resist the hikes simply because they were sicher not willing to pay, or it was beyond their means

In: controversy that the government's decision sparked and His Royal Highness the Crown Prince's intervention on Friday to rescind it should strengthen the mond for a reevaluation of the whole economic : A Capdom.

Referming the tax system is long overdue. It has per promised by many governments but the proremains marraised. As a result, people are paying the refree and so kille treasury. While underpoid government employees end up paying a heavy price in terms of their lew standards of living, many others are is to anachronistic, so inefficient and so confused and

The Crown Prince's request from the government to further study its decision to increase school repair ibutions" was therefore timely and well maroned. Thus the onus is now on the government to and 19 with a conviscing reform package that will address not only this issue but other related matters that somehow to hinder the development of the

In this, package teachers should find a solution assis pressing problems, mainly their low salaries which have rendered many of them unwilling to terlians their duties of educating the future generais an the right track to propose a 49 per cent increase in the chief allowances.

The government should take seriously this proposal DE when its efforts to reform the educational system ; to succeed. Underpaid and frustrated teachers cannot

hir. Rewalden is also right in saying society shou theulder some of the burden for the cost of education, a view, enshalised in the Constitution for every specimien. But an impoverished society cannot make in its contribution. So only when living standards of demonstrate have improved can they be expected to services provided by the government.

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

A COLUMNIST in Al Ra'l daily Saturday backed Egypt's indepresars to free the Middle East region from mass Assirtation reapons and its call on Israel to stop its nuclear progressime. Israel is no more in need of these arsenals as it is station, pence with its Arab neighbours, and as its seed to how ensured, said the writer. The West, which is First Published's acquisition of nuclear weapons and senses against North Korea over its nuclear programme, should now listen to Egypt's call on Israel to abandon its own queleur programme so that all forms of tension in the Middle East can end, said Saleh Al Qallab. The West must listan to Cairo's call and must respond by calling on Israel to recopily with the requirements of a permanent peace, added the writer. It is expected, said Mr. Qallab, that the Arab states will now support Egypt's idea and its call on Igrael to help rid the region of any horrible weapons which can only escalate tension and encourage others to compete with the Jewish state's armament race.

A COLUMNIST in Al Dustour said that Jordan should edito,, hand to its demands for equal share of the Jordan and Wernshalt rivers water and must not listen to ideas about from the of sea water as an alternative to this right. had around Subethi said that the proposed desalination of the Maditerranean Sea water with the help of German and uniperese firms should be accepted as secondary to the basic rights to the rivers' waters. Otherwise, and since the sea is under Graef's control, Jordan will remain under the mercy or the Jewish state for its water needs. Indeed, the canergonee of this proposal while the Arab-Israeli peace negoliations continue, is regarded as a Western means of exercising pressure on Jordan

Sunday's Economic Pulse

By Dr. Fahed Fanek

Why Israel blocked the negotiations

JORDANIAN PUBLIC opinion was somehow led to become too optimistic and expect negotiations with Israel and recovery of Jordanian rights to be finalised in one or two rounds of negotiations. Now it is time to realise that the negotiations will take time, which should be measured by months rather than by weeks or rounds of talks. Speedy negotiations may not after all be in our best interests.

Some times we put our negotiators under pressure when we expect them to come back from each round of talks with concrete results. In a way, delay is a positive sign, because it indicates that the Jordanian negotiator is not ready to give up or accept less than the just demands already announced as a minimum. If the Jordanian negotiator wants to finish negotiations at any rate, he can simply accept what his Israeli counterpart offers, but such a settlement would take place only at our expense.

It is much better for our delegation to come back and report no sufficient progress being achieved than coming back with a bad agreement which does not give us what we want. If the Israeli delegation is clever in negotiation tactics, especially stalling and wasting time, our delegation should meet these tactics with patience and perseverance.

The party that shows impatience in arriving at an agreement is prone to give more concessions than necessary. Jordan is not in a hurry. We can wait forever. The passage of time does not hurt us as long as we don't sign a premature peace treaty or normalise our economic and political relations with Israel. The whole world is aware that Jordan did not only do its bit in the peace process, but went on extra miles. Any delay or complications will obviously be an Israeli responsibility.

It is Israel which should be eager to reach a peace treaty

with Jordan, and accordingly has to pay the price for such a historical turning point. If Israel thought for a moment that it can get the treaty for free, or with minimum cost, it will not hesitate to try. The Israeli negotiator is not in the business of admitting the rights of others simply because they are legal, fair, and just, he negotiates to get the maximum Jordanian concessions in return for the minimum Israeli concessions. Such a selfish strategy can be resisted

and repelled only through unlimited patience. We should make it clear that there will be no peace treaty until we recover our rights in land, borders, water, security and refugees even if negotiations continue well into the 21st

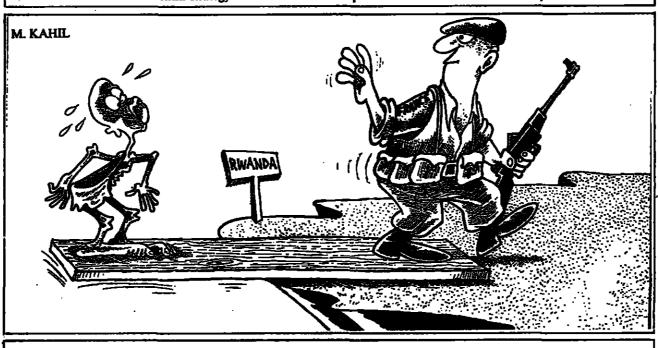
Negotiations are not of course about Jordanian demands only. Israel also has it demands which start with normalisation and end with an anticipation of reciprocity. Our normalisation measures should be slowed down to fit the actual progress achieved on the table of negotiations.

In the field of normalisation, Jordan already made big steps in the desired direction. It more than proved its good intentions and demonstrated readiness to go for peace all the way without hesitation. But Jordan should not make one more step except when negotiations make real progress regarding land, borders, water, security and displaced Palestinians waiting in the camps. Our normalisation concessions are already ahead of the results of negotia-

On the other hand, we should not put our negotiators under pressure to finalise negotiations too early and at any price. Jordanian concessions should be stopped. We should not act like the house owner who saw the thief running and followed him, but in his enthusiasm, did not only catch up with him but overtook him, leaving him behind.

There is a theory circulating in Amman that Israel is purposely blocking the negotiations at the level of experts because they are not flexible from its point of view. It prefers a summit meeting at the level of His Majesty the King and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to replay the game of Camp David, when Begin addressed Sadat saying: "Sir, you have the authority to make this extra concession, while I can't because I have an opposition and a parliament to

Camp David ended up by Sadat giving most of the oncessions. Such a game will not work in the case of Jordan because the King will not act against the will of his people and Parliament, and will not accept less than 385 square kilometres of Jordanian occupied land.



In Japan's schools, World War II is no longer something to skip

TOKYO - What do the Japanese teach their children about World War II? A recent outbreak of war-related controversies here has demonstrated that Japanese feelings about this nation's role in the world war remain confused, conflicted and contentious. Nearly half a century after the last bombs exploded, the Japanese are still engaged in explosive arguments about to whom and how much they ought to

apologise. In the Asian countries that Japan invaded, and in the West as well, it is often said that this lingering con-fusion is due in part to Japanese education. It has been conventional wisdom that Japanese history clas-ses and textbooks skip World War II, offering vague explanations of Japan's motives and ignoring examples of Japanese brutality toward its perceived enemies.

But this view may be out of date. A Washington Post survey of the 12 textbooks most widely used in Japanese schools this year, plus various supplementary materials often used by teachers, indicates that textbooks have considerably increased their coverage, and their criticism, of Japan's in World War II.

In 1989, the Education Ministry issued a new set of curriculum standards for history education; among other things, the standards call for increased attention to 20th century events and Japan's relations with other Asian countries. High school and college entrance. exams now include many questions about World War II, giving students and teachers a major new incen-

tive to focus on the war. Accordingly, textbook publishers have responded. The current editions of major textbooks state that Japan waged a "war of aggression" as a "fascist state" allied with Italy and Germany. The books discass Japan's use of poison gas and slave labour in

Asia. The textbooks now include information and

Japan's brutality toward its Asian neighbours. Every text surveyed discussed the Rape of Nanking, a 1937 massacre of more than 100,000 Chinese civilians that is perhaps the most notorious of the Japanese war crimes. Until about a decade ago, the massacre was not even mentioned in most Japanese schools.

None of the textbooks surveyed has much to say about the role of the late Emperor Hirohito in approving or steering the war effort. Even today, that question is too emotionally and politically charged to deal with.

The texts all note that Japan's government refused to surrender even when there was no hope of victory, "determined to... fight to the death on Japanese soil, whatever sacrifices this might mean for the people," as the sixthgrade text "New Social Studies" puts it. And yet the kamikaze suicide pilots are barely mentioned in textbooks here.

In the current crop of texts, the outline of World War II in Asia is close to what American students learn: Japan set out early in this century to conquer and colonise East Asia - not to "liberate" the Asians, as nationalists here maintained. The United States responded with economic sanctions, demanding that Japan withdraw from the Asian mainland. In response, Japan's government made a cold-blooded decision to attack the U.S. fleet at Pearl Harbour but continued sham negotiations with Washington to

be a surprise. While Americans consider it natural that textbooks become more theoretical and more analytic as the students get older, in Japan the opposite pedagogical style rules. The elementary and junior high history texts here pose many discussion questions and frequently ask pupils to consider how the war looked from the viewpoint of Japan's enemies. The high school texts, in contrast, are dry and

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on Japan's selfish motives

and evil deeds, the current

texts also provide material

to feed the sense of victi-

All the texts surveyed de-

vote considerable attention

to American bombing raids

on Japan, with photos and

paintings and quotations

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attention, with considerable

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school text, "Social Studies, 6th Grade," makes the same point through questions to the student. In one chapter, the book discusses the "unequal

treaties" that Western nations imposed on Japan and other Asian countries in the 19th century. Moving on to 20th century history, it says, "Japan itself imposed an unequal treaty on Korea in an attempt to gain a footing on the continent." In the margin of the page, an illustration shows a sixth-grade girl asking "Say — didn't we hear about 'unfair treaties' somewhere else a

little earlier?" The textbook "Junior High Social Studies tells of Yu Gwansun, "the Korean Joan of Arc," and other Koreans who were tortured and killed for resisting Japanese control. "But few Japanese," it says, "made any attempt to understand the outlook and circumstances of the Korean people who sought freedom and independence.

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The writer is Tokyo bureau chief for The Washington Post.

Protestant extremists may try to torpedo change

By Martin Cowley

BELFAST — The Irish Republican Army's (IRA) unprecedented ceasefire takes Northern Ireland into uncharted peaceful waters, but bitter Protestant extremists may try to torpedo any change to their British status by killing and terrorising Catholics.

The two main Protestant gangs have pledged recently they would silence their guns if the Irish Republican Army did so.

But they are unlikely to stand by while the IRA seeks to make political capital out of a truce heartily welcomed by the Irish government, sources close to the groups say.

In the immediate aftermath of the IRA's ceasefire, which it said was a "complete cessation of military operations," an umbrella group for Protestant hardliners gave no hint would follow suit.

"Is our constitution being tampered with or is it not?" said the combined Loyalist Military Command, grouping the Ulster Volunteer Force (UVF) and Ulster Freedom Fighters (UFF). "What deals have been done?

On Tuesday, the UFF, which is responsible for dozens of random killings in the past 12 months, said the IRA ceasefire was "a recipe for civil war.'

Its sister organisation. the UVF, has said it will match the IRA ceasefire with one of its own. But few security officials believe it has the discipline to restrain its volunteers, who say they kill to keep the province

In the 12 months the two groups have outdone the IRA in killings as part of a sectarian strategy to cow Catholics and wreck peace

The two groups are nowfar more likely to try to provoke the IRA into breaking its truce by killing leading nationalist spokesman or ordinary Catholics, say sources close to the

Security sources fear the Protestants might even try a major attack on a target in the Irish Republic to harden anti-British attitudes there and drive a wedge between the Dublin and London governments, hitherto shoulder-to-shoulder in their peace plan.

Sources close to the UFF and UVF said the extremist Protestant leadership held a series of recent meetings to map out strategy if the IRA

declared a ceasefire.
The IRA hopes that after halting a 25-year war on its security forces, the British government will publicly seek to persuade the 60-40 Protestant majority that it should not fear eventual union with the Catholic Irish Republic to the south.

Republican sources said British officials told senior Republicans in secret talks last year that London could envisage a day in perhaps
25 years time when the province was no longer British.
The Republicans hope
the IRA ceasefire will force

the government to make similar pledges publicly in what would be a major move towards ending seven-decades of partition of the island.

Such a step, however tentative or diplomatically presented, would send shivers of fear through hardline Protestants whose only real allegiance is to the British crown — not necessarily to

British governments. Protestant extremists have felt increasingly iso-lated, misunderstood and threatened by the Anglo-Irish peace process and fear it masks a covert attempt to end their British status and make them Irish.

As the peace drums have beaten louder, so have the Protestant guns resounded in a series of attacks on innocent Catholics, killed for their faith alone and to terrorise the community from which the IRA draws

Progress in China, U.S. ties still seen aliticuit

By David Schlesinger

BEUING - China and the United States last week both hailed the "kiss-andmake-up" visit by Commerce Secretary Ron Brown but also admitted that a full settlement of issues bedevilling relations would take time.

Mr. Brown was the first U.S. cabinet member to visit Beijing since President Bill Clinton severed the link between trade and human rights in May.

That link had prompted increasingly bitter exchanges in the years after China's army crushed prodemocracy demonstrations in Beijing's Tiananmen square on June 4, 1989. At an ebullient news con-

ference on Tuesday, an exhilarated Brown said Mr. Clinton's new policy had actually brought victories in both areas — business con-tracts worth nearly £5 billion and a new start to bilateral dialogue on human

But as if to emphasise that talk on human rights will not necessarily lead to changes in policy, Beijing police on Wednesday forcibly stopped a leading dissident from leaving home and then took him in for questioning, a relative said.

"I'm afraid I won't be able to return," Wang Dan. one of the student leaders of the Tiananmen Square protests, said by telephone shortly before police took him away.

Non-U.S. diplomats in Beijing tended to dismiss the agreement to resume human rights talks as a public relations gift to reward Mr. Clinton for his decision on trade.

"It will be very difficult to achieve any substance.' said one. "Nothing will be given away and talks will be

long and laborious." President Jiang Zemin, in remarks printed on the front pages of major newspapers, told Mr. Brown the two countries had a chance to bring relations into a new era and praised Mr. Clinton for what he called a "wise

But he made clear Beijing was not going to give in easily on disputes that range from the way China treats its dissidents to the huge imbalance in trade.

As we vary in social systems, ideology, culture and economic development levels, it is no surprise to see our two countries taking different stances on different issues," Mr. Jiang told

Mr. Brown. He urged that the two countries "seek common ground while reserving differences" - Chinese shorthand for ignoring disputes while concentrating on issues that can be agreed

Mr. Brown himself, while also hailing a new era in ties, on Wednesday admitted that the problems in the relationship could not be resolved quickly.

"Based on my conversations in Beijing. I know two

things.
"One, it is not going to be easy to achieve all of our goals. Our two nations have many differences and great pride," Mr. Brown said. But the second thing I saw clearly was that we are now on the right path."
U.S. officials hinted that

path could eventually lead to an historic visit by Mr. Clinton, who during his election caampaign railed against what he called the dictators in Beijing.

But real difficulties need to be overcome first. China last year ran a £23 billion trade surplus with the United States, up 25 per cent on the year before and second only to the imba-

lance with Japan. U.S. companies complain bitterly Chinese firms freely steal their copyrights and patents and cheat on textile quotas.

Washington, in addition to concerns about human rightts, worries about Chinese arms sales.

China, for its part, wants stronger U.S. support for its entry into the world trade body, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. It also wants an end to the handful of remaining sanctions imposed after the 1989 crackdown.

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Britain's 'gang of four' fails to win forgiveness

By Gerrard Raven

LONDON — Three former ministers who quit the opposition Labour Party in 1981, effectively depriving it of a prospect of power for more than a decade, are now warming to the idea of Labour's new leader Tony Blair forming a govern-

Roy Jenkins, Shirley Williams and Bill Rodgers have all made friendly overtures of Mr. Blair since he won the party leadership on July 21 despite their current status as members of the (upper) House of Lords representing the minority Liberal Democrats.

But the chances of the approaches from the three being welcomed by the party in whose governments they once served look thin. British politicians accept changes of policy with a shrug, but rarely forgive those who change their par-

Mr. Jenkins, Ms. Williams and Mr. Redgers, plus former foreign secretary David Owen, now out of politics, became known as the "gang of four" when they broke from Labour in protest at its adoption of left-wing policies to found the Social Democratic Par-

They had held office in previous Labour administrations as, respectively, chancellor of the exchequer (finance minister), education secretary and transport

The new party's alliance with the centrist liberals almost overtook Labour in terms of the popular vote at the 1983 general election, allowing the Conservatives to win a huge majority under Britain's first-pastthe post voting system.

The alliance parties,

which have since merged as the Liberal Democrats, did well enough at the 1987 and 1992 elections to deprive Labour of the votes of middle-of-the-road waverers they needed to overtake

clearly preferable to the

centre-right Conservatives.
Mr. Blair, a moderate
with little Socialist baggage, takes over a party which has dropped policies of wholesale nationalisation, high taxes on the middle classes, and opposition to the European Union (EU). It has also reformed its once trade union-dominated internal power structure to which the "gang of four" objected.
Mr. Jenkins, the first

member of the gang to sug-gest the need for a new party in the 1970s, was also the first to raise political eyebrows by welcoming the election of Mr. Blair.

In an article in the Times newspaper, he called him the most exciting Labour choice (as leader) since the election of Hugh Gaitskell in December 1955." The comparison was sig-

nificant. Although Mr Gaitskell never became prime minister, he is an con of the Labour right. He is remembered for his

bruising battles with the fiery darling of the left, Aneurin Bevan, in the 1950s and 1960s, and for his doomed fight against a clause in the party constitution committing it to Mr. Jenkins' statement

was followed by one from Ms. Williams calling for closer cooperation between Labour and the Liberal Democrats, although she did not suggest a formal

Then Mr. Rodgers went further than either of his colleagues, proclaiming that he hoped Mr. Blair would win the next general election and criticising Liberal Democrat leader Paddy Ashdown for failing to form closer ties with Labour.

The statements have dismayed the Liberal Democrais, whose party activists are bitter opponents of Labour at local level, and sent the party's opinion poll ratings tumbling — down two percentage points to 17 per cent in the latest poll.

Labour, meanwhile, is consolidating its hefty onin-

consolidating its hefty opin-ion poll lead as Mr. Blair enjoys a "honeymoon period" with the voters — it was given 55 per cent in the poll, published in the Guardian newspaper, to the Conservatives' 23 per cent.

S. Africa celebrates first peace day under black rule

By Marius Bosch

OHANNESBURG South Africa marked its first national peace day under black rule on Friday with political violence waning but violent crime on the rise, particularly attacks on

Peace celebrations were neld in all major cities with thousands of blacks and whites turning out to sing the two national anthems -Die Stem and Nkosi Sikele 'Afrika — in a gesture of

unity and peace.
South Africans have been rged to learn the words of both Die Stem (the call), the Afrikaans anthem sung under previous whiteapartheid governments. and the black liberation anthem Nkosi Sikel i Afrika (God Bless Africa) in line with the government's policy of national reconcilia-

"Who would have predicted that our country's democratic elections would proceed as smoothly as they did. Who would have predicted that within a few weeks the guns... would be silenced," regional premier Tokyo Sexwale said in the commercial capital Johan-

In the city, one of the worst hit by the crime wave since the April all-race elections which were won by the African National Congress (ANC), peace activsts and victims of violence marched through the streets waving blue and white peace flags.

Police and human rights organisations said political violence, which claimed more than 15,000 lives in the past four years, had declined markedly since the elections which brought President Nelson Mandela to power.

About 580 people have been killed in political unrest in the three months since Mr. Mandela's national unity government took office in May, the watchdog Human Rights Committee



Nelson Mandela's government promises lives of blacks and ensure the durability of to spend millions of dollars to improve the peace (AFP photo)

(HRC) said.

In the run-up to the elections, at least 11 people were being killed daily in political violence, mostly in the volatile Kwazulu-Natal region and in black townships east of Johannes-

"It is a lot lower than it has been the last couple of years. It seems to be on the decline but it has not disappeared," HRC national director Patrick Kelly told

Reuters. Mr. Mandela has declared the eradication of crime and its causes among the government's top priorities.

At least 170 police have been murdered since the beginning of the year and an average of 50 people a day were killed in criminal violence in the first three months of the year.

The number of robberies rose to 23,274 from 19.365 in the first quarter of 1993. and rapes rose by 1,109 to

More than 90,000 cars valued at 3.3 billion rand (\$I billion) were hijacked or stolen in South Africa

With unofficial unemployment estimated at around 40 per cent of South African blacks, sociologists cite social deprivation, the easy access to smuggled arms, and inadequate policing during the apartheid era for the surge in crime and breakdown in law and

Mr. Mandela's government has promised to spend millions of dollars to improve the lives of black South Africans disadvantaged under apartheid.
It plans to build a million

homes and create thousands of jobs under its flagship reconstruction and development programme to improve the lives of blacks and eradicate the root causes of crime.

India pressed to scrap anti-terrorist law

By Pratap Chakravarty Agence France Presse NEW DELHI — The Indi-

an government has begun a review of years of alleged misuse by its police of a tough anti-terrorist law amid a mounting debate on whether political violence can be crushed by statesponsored terror. A campaign to scrap the Terrorist and Disruptive

Activities (Preventive) Act (TADA) has divided Premier P.V. Narasimha Rao's government with many of his ministers backing human rights forums demanding its repeal.
The Supreme Court,

which in March upheld the validity of the legislation, has also chipped away certain key provisions of the law after lower courts threw out thousands of TADArelated cases as "bogus'

Police in 21 of India's 25 states arrested 67,509 people under the law since 1985, when the TADA was enacted to crush Sikh militancy in the northern pro-vince of Punjab.

The sheer number of the detentions has now outraged rights forums, the judiciary and the govern-

The TADA was strengthened in 1987 to turn the law into the cutting edge of the government's fight against Sikh, Muslim and tribal secessionism.

The upgraded version left the onus of proving inno-cence with the accused, directed courts to accept confessions extracted by the police as evidence, and allowed the prosecution to produce unidentified wit-

"This draconian law must said Ranganath Mishra, former Supreme Court chief justice who is now the chairman of the National Human Rights Commission, set up last year in New

Other forums say the TADA provided the police with an excuse to replace criminal investigations with third-degree methods for quicker results.

Torture techniques as the 'roller treatment," "aeroplaning" or "ballooning"— involving the tying up of the penis for hours to prevent urination — became feared words in strife-torn Kashmir and Punjab and in Bombay or New Delhi. India's Internal Security

Minister Rajesh Pilot, Rail way Minister Jaffer Sharief, Mr. Rao's ruling Congress (I) Party's legal cell and others threw in their weight earlier this month behind Mr. Mishra's demands for the TADA's repeal. The fact that less than

one per cent people were convicted only goes to show the law has not been properly framed or implemented," Mr. Pilot said. Courts have rejected thousands of TADA related cases, held trials in 8,000 others and convicted only 725 people as terrorists during 1985-94. An unknown number of detainees are still awaiting trial or

hoping for bail. Amnesty International (AI), in its latest report, accused the Indian police of using the law as an instrument of harassment. TADA has brutalised our police force and destroyed our democratic values, said a member of the Minorities Commission, an autonomous forum set up in the 1980s to guard the interests of India's 120 million Muslims.

The commission and rights groups say the police used the TADA as a weapon against religious minorities after blaming Bombay's Muslim underworld for last year's serial blasts which killed 317 people in western metropolis.

Hundreds of Muslims, including children, were rounded up, detained for days and tortured by the police during the blast investigations. Some 160 Muslims and 29 other people have been charged under the TADA for the March 12, 1993 attack.

Russia isn't supposed to be rebuilding a Soviet-style military bloc

By Adrian Karatnycky

NEW YORK - In recent weeks, Russia and other former Soviet republics have pressed forward with plans to create a military alliance that mocks President Bill Clinton's Partnership for Peace, doing precisely what that proposal was designed to avoid: creating new Eastern and Western blocs.

More ominously, even as nuclear weapons are being withdrawn from Ukraine, Belarus and Kazakhstan, many in the Russian military and political elite want to reassert authority to protect former Soviet republics with Russia's nuclear arsen-

The means for spreading Russia's nuclear reach is a draft agreement for a military alliance, which is to be submitted early in 1995 to the leaders of the Common-wealth of Independent States (CIS). The plan was endorsed at a late July meeting of the common-wealth's Collective Security

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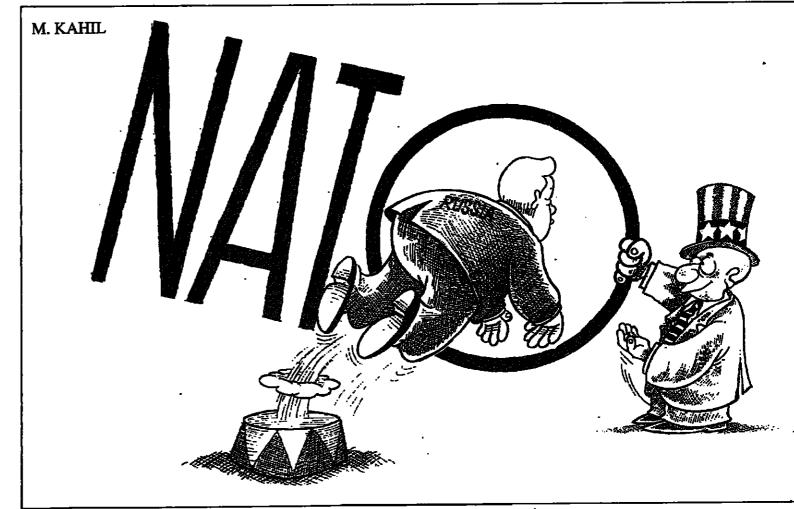
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Council and is actively supported by Russia's defence minister, Pavel Grachev. According to the com-monwealth's chief of staff for military coordination, General Viktor Samsonov,

"We have paid our dues to Nigeria and enough is

The unprecedented strength of the civilian challenge to military rule has encouraged smaller ethnic groups to lay their own claims to self-rule - none more so than the Ogoni people, who say their lands have been destroyed by oil companies. Their secessionist leader, writer Ken Saro-

"I do not believe Nigeria will be split up. We have spent too much time putting it together." said Ashikiwe Adione-Egom. an economist who is Igbo.



Nigeria's aim is mere survival

By Nicholas Kotch Reuter.

LAGOS - The idea that Nigeria would be an African superpower by the year 2000, armed with a "black bomb" and a permanent seat on the U.N. Security Council, looks like a bad ioke today.

But until very recently these were official foreign policy goals in Africa's most populous nation. Nigenans were not alone in taking them seriously.

After 14 months of political turmoil, the grand strategies for the future are in tatters. Nigeria's ambition today is merely to surrive as a nation.

Many well-informed Nigerians are convinced that however threadbare the country's unity may appear to the outsider, it is still too tough to be torn

But very few people will deny that the pressure for a break-up on basically tribal lines has never been stronger since Nigeria fought it-self to a standstill in the 267-70 civil war. The self Biafra, was forced back

into the federal fold. - Those old demons are gathering again, encour-aged by the army's refusal in June last year to hand power to an elected civilian millionaire southerner Mosbood Abiola.

"Nigeria is more divided, more unsafe now than at any time since the civil war," poet Niyi Osundare wrote this week in Newswatch magazine.

Primordial passions are reging everywhere as peo-ple scramble into tribal teats, having lost faith in the Nigerian management.

Niyi Osundare is a Yoruba, the people from the southwest who are the most aggrieved because it was their son, Mr. Abiola. who was deprived of electoral

But they are not alone in accusing the Hausa-Fulani elite in the north, whether in uniform or not, of monopolising power. General Sani Abacha, the current military president, is from that background.

Some leaders of the eastern Igbos, who lost the civil war, met on Aug. 21 and issued a statement saying the country was in economic and political chaos.

One strong grievance was Gen. Abacha's unexplained sacking this month of navy chief, Rear-Admiral Allison Madueke, the first Igbo to be entrusted with such a senior military post since

"We the Igbos do not want war. But if one is forced on us we shall be ready, willing and able to defend ourselves," the Igbo statement said.

aggressive intentions against all CIS participant states.' The draft security treaty also calls for the eventual creation of joint armed forces, collective peacekeeping forces and a joint air defence system. In short, it seeks to restore a cohesive, coordinated milit-Wiwa, has been in prison ary force under unified consince May. trol and under Russia's nuclear protection -- a defence

But like many, he advocates a real devolution of central powers to regional entities. If that happens, he said, "I believe after this crisis we will have a society that is much more balanced He hints that Russia may not pressure Ukraine to give up its nuclear weapons after all — a clear retreat from pledges to turn Ukraine into a non-nuclear state. On a visit to Kiev last month, he suggested that if Ukraine and Russia became strategic partners, "the issue of Ukraine's nuclear disarmament would not be

While Washington's attention is focused on the smuggling of small — if deadly - amounts of plutonium, the far more important commitments to remove and dismantle the nuclear arsenals of Ukraine, Belarus and Kazakhstan could be undermined.

a top priority for Russia."

Until the new military alliance began gathering support among the independent republics, the

Soviet nuclear shield had been steadily receding. The United States should now make clear that the expansion of that shield would disrupt the equilibrium be-tween NATO, the former Soviet republics and East-

The Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty is of only limited help. It restricts the dispersal of nuclear weapons but does not prohibit states from allowing allies to station nuclear weapons on their soil.

So the United States and its NATO allies will have to use all diplomatic means to convince Russia that it isn't in anyone's interest to draw more countries behind a nuclear trip wire.

At the moment, Russian foreign policy is in the hands of pragmatists committed to democratisation,

economic reform and cooperation with the West. But the Yeltsin team faces a stiff internal challenge from popular and powerful anti-

Support for the restoration of the Soviet Union is widespread in the Russian military, and the parliament is dominated by anti-Western rhetoric - from Vladimir Zhirinovsky's neo-imperialist rantings to the vituperative speeches of the Communist leader Gennadi Zyuganov, whose party seeks to revive the U.S.S.R. and attacks the United States for seeking to impose a worldwide "milit-

ary dictatorship." Moreover, the pro-Communist Agrarian Party has made common cause with nationalist zealots like Sergei Baburin.

Together, these parties

captured nearly 50 per cent of the vote in Russia's December 1993 parliamentary elections, suggesting that a candidate sharing their anti-Western views has a real chance of winning Russia's

1996 presidential elections. As Russia's defence establishment presses forward with efforts to build a new military alliance, America and NATO should ask against whom this alliance and its nuclear shield are directed.

With Russia's democratic

future open to question, the United States ought to be unequivocal in its opposition to a new militarypolitical-nuclear alliance among the states of the former U.S.S.R. It should concentrate on convincing Ukraine, which still holds the world's third largest nuclear arsenal, to honour commitments to relinquish it and to resist Russian entreaties to join its military

The West has so far failed to develop strategies to deal with the threat of post-Soviet integration. At this delicate moment, a miscalculation could mean acquiescence in a new postcold war rivalry. And if reformers fail in Russia, a new East-West nuclear divide could prove as damaging to the interests of democracy and prosperity in the region as the decisions made half a century ago by the Allies in Yalta.

The writer is president of Freedom House, a human rights organisation, and coauthor of "New Nations Rising: The Fall of the Soviets and the Challenge of Independence." This article is reprinted from

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GATT chief says world trade pact in danger

GENEVA (R) — The head of the GATT trade organisation, Peter Sutherland, said Friday a new world trade pact could be endangered unless the big powers moved urgently to ratify the deal.

Speaking to business lead-ers at a conference in Cernobbio. Italy, he said the United States, the European Union (EU) and Japan had "a primary responsibility" to ensure that the pact, signed in April, could take effect

next January.

Any delay, Mr. Sutherland
said, would encourage protectionists to regroup and renew pressure on political , leaders for policies "whose ruinous effect on prosperity and international stability is amply displayed in recent his-

tory...."
"The world as a whole must not be kept waiting to realise the economic, social

great global achievement." he said. Ratification and implementation should be a top international economic and political priority.

Trade officials and diplomats said Mr. Sutherland's remarks, a text of which was released by GATT in Geneva. were particularly directed towards the United States. where there have been growing signs of congressional opposition to quick ratifica-

Earlier this week, Senate Republican leader Bob Dole — long seen as a supporter of the pact — suggested that the White House wait until next year to ask Congress to pass a bill implementing the deal in

Labour and consumer groups, as well as some industrial and farming lobbies

accord which slashes tariffs by an average of one third and opens world markets, are calling for changes that could wreck the pact.

Mr. Sutherland said that if the pact was not dealt with in Congress before early October, when the legislature adiourns for mid-term elections, there could be a serious risk of a long delay despite support from the Clinton ministration.

The consequences, the GATT chief said, "could also be serious for the U.S. economy and for the world as a

The pact was signed by more than 100 countries in Marrakesh, Morocco, in April after seven vears of tough negotiations involving. by their conclusion, more than 120 states accounting for abence is due in early Decem-

So far. 26 of GATT's 125 members have ratified the deal - said to offer a huge boost to world trade by the year 2002 - but many more are waiting for the big trading powers before they move to follow suit.

— it forms a new World Trade Organisation (WTO), which will absorb the GATT. The delay in the EU — where Britain, Germany and Greece have ratified Trade, was set up in 1948 as a nationally — is due to uncer-tainty over whether the European Commission or indi-vidual states take the final legal steps rather than to opposition to the pact.

İп Japan. Mr. Sutherland said. "the ratification effort seems well under way but the crucial examination of the WTO agreement by the Diet (parliament) has still to begin. It is essential that every effort be made to begin this been working since then and process promptly.

Representatives at World Bank work on Palestinian financing

Palestinian, Israeli and inter-national delegates wrapped up a two-day meeting here Friday on financing the transfer of power to Palestinians in the occupied territories. agreeing to search for more funds, a World Bank source

Between 100 million and 150 million additional dollars will be needed to cover the tion on the West Bank and Gaza by the first quarter of 1995, according to estimates

three months to June 30 to a

seasonally adjusted 0.9 per cent and to 4.3 per cent over

the year, the Australian Bureau of Statistics reported.

But analysts said the data

provided further evidence of

Australia's fine balance of

robust economic growth and low inflation, and the slow-

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ter's annual figure of 5.0 per

majority of market forecasts

are underestimating current

GDP growth and the capacity

of the economy to sustain

said Brett Allender, chief eco-

nomist at Schroders Austra-

Mr. Allender said the

annual GDP growth rates

had been dragged down re-

cently by poor figures in the

September quarter of 1993, which would cease to have

an impact in the next official

for the September quarter (of

1994) to show growth. In fact

is going to lie in the range of

one-to-two per cent, lifting

the annual rate to above five.

per cent, perhaps close to six per cent," he pointed out.

Markets could begin to

worry about inflation if the

economy was bounding along

at that rate, Mr. Allender

said, adding that he expected

the central bank to lift rates

further towards the end of

this year to rein in future

The Reserve Bank of Au-

The latest figures showed a

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"I expect the next figures

quarterly GDP release.

robust growth into 1995."

"It appears to me that the

cent would be shortlived.

worked out during talks Thursday and Friday.

That sum would be in addition to the some \$57 million already pledged by donor countries. Representatives meeting next week in Paris will take up the question of finding the extra funds.

Norway presided over this week's talks between Israeli and Palestinian representatives and delegations from the United States, the European Union. Russia. Saudi Arabia, Japan and Canada. A bank source said revenues that Israel agreed to

nian administration on the Gaza Strip and in the West Bank town of Jericho have so far fallen short of estimates and are not sufficient to fund the 9.000-member Palestinian police force and to meet

> Authority have agreed to make a joint appeal to donor countries for \$30 million to help cover the new costs.

> A donors' meeting will be held in Paris from Sept. 8 to

Kuwait members of parliament take aim at state property policies

Lawmakers draft bill to speed up building process

KUWAIT (R) - Kuwaiti lawmakers, squaring off for a possible tussle with the government, have drafted a bill to speed up building amid soaring demand for homes and give private firms more . say in provision of state land for housing.

The deputies, who also want to prevent potentially disastrous property price fluctuations, say their bill will , help guard against abuse of public funds and hasten the ... repatriation of capital that has flown overseas on worries

Assembly speaker Ahmad Al Saadoun said if the prob-. lem went unaddressed the property market could witness a crash as bad as a stock market collapse in 1982 that initially wiped \$92 billion off shareholders books and crippled the economy for a de-

cade.
The continuation of the prices... may lead to another economic crisis like the ·(1982) Manakh crisis." opposition veteran Sheikh Saadoun said last week.

"The average citizen is no longer able to afford suitable housing because of monopolies which fuel the price rise.

MOSCOW (AFP) — Some

that the government was

THE BETTER HALF,

All married Kuwaiti men are eligible for state apartments or a plot of state land on which to build with state aid and about 44,000 of them are on waiting lists expected

The backlog could rise to 65,000 by the end of the century if building plans fail to meet the challenge, the deputies say.

Tight supply of land in a country the size of the U.S. state of New Jersey has led to a steady rise in prices. A 500 square metre plot in a well-to-do area of Kuwait City now costs 200,000 dinars (\$670,000), well beyond the means of most Kuwaitis starting off in life.

Applicants for one of the most popular options for state assistance — a plot of land and an interest free loan of 70,000 (\$234,000) to help cover the cost of the plot and construction -- have to wait between 10 and 13 years.

Sheikh Saadoun said the. bill would stabilise property prices and provide profitable domestic business opportunities for Kuwaitis who have invested billions of dollars overseas over the years.

compiling lists of insolvent

By Glasbergen GLASBERGEN

Opposition deputies sav state dominance in such an

important part of the economy and at such a time of shortage gives wide opportunity for the exercise of poli-

tical patronage. The government strongly denies that any of its departments or operations dispenses influence and says all of its economic reforms are intended to strengthen the anaemic private sector.

Sheikh Saadoun and four other deputies submitted their bill late last month only days after a government decree authorised Finance Minister Nasser Al Rodhan to sell state property without resort to competitive bidding.

Parliament is studying what some members have called the dubious terms of the government's sale of land for construction of 16,000 holiday houses at Kheiran south of Kuwait City.

The sale to Pearl of Kuwait Real Estate Company was made without a tender and some deputies say the developer stands to make unusually big profits because the land price was set too

The government has denied any collusion with the company in connection with the sale. Parliament, which will meet again in late Octohas the right to review, alter or cancel any government de-

To administer its vast new

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through industrial goods to

textiles, services and patents

GATT. the General Agreement on Tariffs and

temporary body pending creation of an International

Trade Organisation (ITO) — which itself was subsequently

sunk by U.S. congressional

In Marrakesh. ministers in-

cluding U.S. Trade Repre-

sentative Mickey Kantor

agreed that the WTO should

come into effect next Jan. 1.

A preparatory committee has

an implementation confer-

cree issued in its absence. "We support the private sector and privatisation, but this should not become a pretext for exploitation and making illegal profits," said opposition Deputy Abdullah Al Nibari, a vocal opponent

"The bill fulfils two objectives... reducing the waiting period for housing care, and privatisation. But these two will not let us forget to protect public funds." an explanatory note to the deputies' bill says.

of the Kheiran project.

The bill says housing prices have soared and demand has grown because of the unavailability of lands due to a de facto monopoly by un-named property traders.

The bill would require the invitation of tenders for housing projects "so that the process will be public and competitive." Housing units would be distributed on the basis of equality.

"The bill already receives the unlimited support of parliament members and who hope the government will

Russian central bank may take over ailing banks

MOSCOW (R) - The Russian central bank plans to take temporary control of commercial banks in danger of collapse, in an effort to restore confidence in a financial system shaken by recent scandais.

"An appropriate document is now being circulated to the central bank's regional branches,'' said Ålexander Rychenkov, head of the bank's department responsible for monitoring activities of Russia's mushrooming commercial banks.

Mr. Rychenkov told Reuters Friday that under new regulations the central bank would have the right to send its own administrators for up to six months to any commercial bank which showed signs of imminent financial col-

He did not say how many of Russia's 2,200 commercial banks would be affected or when the action would start.

"Of course central bank control may be introduced only after the failure eof all other attempts to restore the bank to health by limiting the volume of its operations, blocking further expansion of debt, and banning acceptance of new clients," he said.

Mr. Rychenkov said many bankers, especially in the provinces, were underqualified to run their businesses effectively.

"In our situation, one can hardly imagine all banks to be healthy," he said.

by 0.75 percentage points to 5,50 per cent of Aug. 17, but by the end of 1994 "it will be Russia's emerging and largely unregulated financial obvious that the first move has had little impact on ecomarkets have been rocked nomic activity." he said. recently by scandais which have shaken people's confidence in the entire system.

faster growth — analysts SYDNEY (AFP) — Austradomestic demand price deflator, rose by 0.9 per cent over lia's buoyant economy, the year to June. Average weekly earnings

Australian economy set for

already one of the fastestgrowing in the industrialised world, is set to accelerate climbed only 1.0 per cent further despite a recent slowover the year, while producdown, analysts have said.

Gross domestic product

tivity rose 1.7 per cent. "The economy is growing quite strongly but with no (GDP) growth slowed in the inflationary pressure and it looks as if annual growth could even accelerate." said Grant Bailey, chief economist at Citibank Australia.

Treasurer Ralph Willis said the data confirmed Australia's continued lowinflationary growth, commenting in a statement: "The accounts confirm that inflation remains subdued."

"Low inflation, high productivity and rising investment confirm that Australia is on track for a sustainable low inflation period of strong GDP and employment growth," Mr. Willis said.

Bruce Freeland, senior

"Really this is one of those figures where there is an awful lot of good news in it," he There are risks further down the track of whether we can sustain this growth and

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the current account deficit, but at this stage it is generally good news." Chris Caton, chief eco. nomist at Bankers Trust Australia, said underlying business investment grew by 10.5

per cent in the quarter. "Over the next year, we can expect continued evolution in the economic expansion, with more of the running being taken by business fixed investment and the contribution from housing dropping away," he forecast,

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FORECAST FOR SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 4, 1994

By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation GENERAL TENDENCIES: Good day to get away from it all and

relax with friends who don't expect you to entertain them, Improve the quality of your life through idealistic concepts. Move your ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) Study a new task where productive ideas are concerned and put it in operation as soon as possible. Be

alert to new and successful projects. TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) Listen to what family members have

to suggest and go along with needed changes at home. Avoid trouble with those who live under your roof. GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) You have good ideas for greater

productivity, so make plans to launch them at the first opportunity MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) This is a good day to concentrate on financial matters and plan how to gain the greatest

benefits. Improve your social life. LEO: (July 22 to August 21) You are ready to make changes and you should seriously consider the activities you wish to retain in your life to make it successful.

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) An excellent day to study facts and figures so you can advance in your line of endeavours. Think constructively about a new project.

LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) This is a fine day for enjoying the company of good friends you really like. Be more precise in

SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) Be alert to opportunities coming your way, but don't jump into anything too hastily. Strive for increased happiness with your loved ones.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) There are many opportunities to advance now, so be aware and seize them. Allow time to engage in your favourite hobby or pasttime.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) You can easily handle obligations now that have been worrying you for some time. Make this a worthwhile day for those you associate with.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) Try to cooperate more with family members and increase harmony. Make longrange plans for the days ahead which will be productive for you.

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) You may want to improve your surroundings, so study it well and get good ideas. Show thoughtfulness for those your have contact with.

Birthstone of September: Sapphire - Lapis Lazulli

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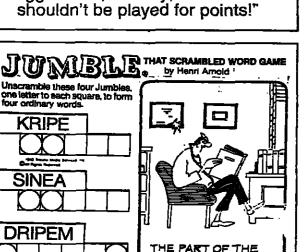
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He indicated, however, that not all enterprises identified by the government as insolvent would be put up for sale or shut down, and referred to legal proceedings that could give some of them a chance to recover.

Mr. Karpov gave no exam-ples or names of firms declared insolvent by the gov-

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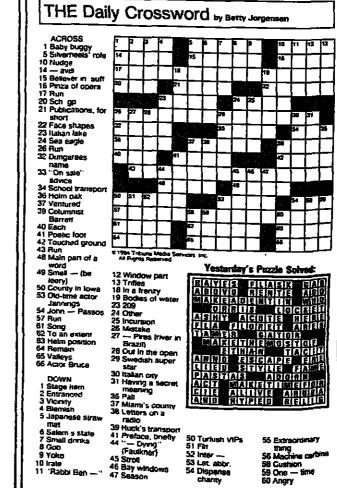


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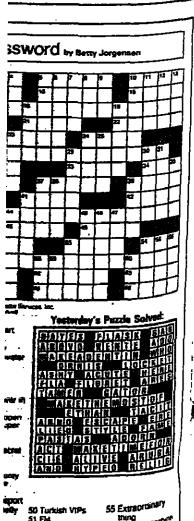
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Swiss Franc	1.3225	1.3065
French Franc	5,3910	5.3255
Japanese Yen	99.75	99.13
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French Franc	5.25	5.43	5.75	6.12	
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Kawaiti Dinar	2.3150	2.3480		
Qutari Riyal	0.1897	0.1909		
Egyptian Penad	0.2000	0.2150		
Omnati Riyal	1.7860	1.8100		
UAE Dirham	0.1886	0.1896		
Greek Drachma*	0.2725	0.3175		
Cyprice Pound	1.4039	1.4985		

Salomon: World bond issues rose sharply in '93

NEW YORK (AFP) — Bond issues rose sharply worldwide in 1993, with \$16.3 trillion worth of bonds in circulation at the end of the year, 10 per cent more than at the end of 1992, according to a study.

Dollar bonds continued to dominate the world market, with \$7.5 trillion worth in circulation at the end of 1993, or 46.3 per cent of the total debt on the world's main 21 markets, according to the study by brokers Salomon Brothers.

The amount of dollar bonds in circulation was almost two and a half times bigger than that of yendenominated bonds, which totalled \$3 trillion or 18.6 per

cent of the world total. The bond markets of the Group of Seven leading industrialised countries - Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and the United States — between them accounted for 89 per cent of the world bond mar-

ket in 1993, But the peseta denominated market grew most rapidly, increasing 56.9 per cent against an average 15.1 per cent for the 21 markets under study.

Eurobond issues, which represent 8.5 per cent of the total, rose 43.7 per cent to a record \$406.8 billion in 1993, largely due to a fall in interest rates worldwide, Salomon

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S. Korea to stake its future on chips, hightech industries

SEOUL (AFP) - South Korea will stake its future on computer chips and other high-tech products, spending some \$4.3 billion annually for technical research and development, according to a government blueprint.

The blueprint, presented to President Kim Young-Sam, was accompanied by a rosy forecast that the value of this year's chip exports would jump 43.7 per cent from last year's \$11.5 billion.

South Korean chip exports are likely to maintain a steady 17 per cent increase each year, with annual chip production capacity set at \$30 billion before the end of the century, the Trade Ministry

said.
"Our energy and money will be poured into chip and other strategic industries such as high definition television,' a ministry official said.

The ministry said more weight would be attached to development of sophisticated chips, especially in applica-tion specific integrated cir-cuits (ASIC) and nonmemory fields. South Korea's chip indus-

try has grown dramatically since 1983 to become a major player in the world's memory-chip market.

Chip makers and researchers will enjoy a variety of benefits and unrestricted financing, the ministry said. In the next three years to

1997, a total of \$244 million will be allocated to chip development, including \$62 million for home-made equipment, it said. In memory chips, the

ministry asked for a strategic alliance among domestic makers to produce 256megabit dynamic random access memory (DRAM) chips ahead of Japan and other

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Turkish contractors seek stake in Lebanese deals ANKARA (R) — Turkish contractors said Friday they

were seeking a share of Lebanon's multi-billion-dollar construction drive during two days of talks with Lebanese State Minister Walid Jumb-Representatives of leading

Turkish construction firms and traders had a business dinner with Mr. Jumblatt on a boat sailing across the Bosphorus and held bilateral talks later. "They were very fruitful contacts. He and other

Lebanese officials said cultural relations between the countries could ease EW0 our entrance into the market of \$40 billion," said one senior official of a Turkish construction company.

Mr. Jumblatt, in charge of refugee affairs, will leave Turkey Sunday after talks with President Suleyman Demirel and other senior offi-

Turkish contractors, who have projects in Russia, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Libya, say they could take on work worth up to \$5 billion. Lebanon is seeking to settle refugees and rebuild the country, devastated by the 1975-90 civil war.

"Western firms appear to have advantages over us as they are capable of providing finance for the projects they are bidding," another Turkish contractor said.

"But we have the chance in housing projects which do not require foreign financing. We know that there is a potential of \$15 billion in such housing projects proposed to settle Palestinian refugees." he added.

Lebanese market as a stepping stone into the Israeli,

Jordanian and Palestinian markets. "We may also play a role

Contractors see the

Western companies, which we did in Russia, if we fail to undertake any projects directly," the official said.

Contractors said Turkey had already offered Lebanon to begin ferry service be-tween Turkey's Mediterra-nean coasts and Beirut.

The Lebanese are positive towards the offer. It will enable us to overcome transport problems stemming from Syria," the official said. Earlier this year, Turkey

offered to help Beirut turn the Bekaa Valley into a major agricultural centre. The valley was home to the Turkey's separatist Kurdish guerrillas until 1993. The guerrillas were re-

ported to have evacuated their camps in 1993 after Turkey signed a security pact with Syria, which maintains effective control of the -re-

Gulf Air warns against : price war in the region rational framework that will

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AFP) - Gulf Air, owned four regional governments, has warned against any price war among local carriers, saying it would undermine small airlines, the Al Hayat daily said Saturday. Gulf Air chairman, Salim

Al Siyyabi, told the Londonbased paper distributed here: 'A price war is an overall phenomenon now and has hit the entire world but in different levels." He was unsure whether air-

lines in the oil-rich region were undercutting each others to attract more passen-But he said the Gulf "can-

not stand a hectic competition because it has a small population base '

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"My advice is that competition should be within a allow national airlines to grow gradually and minimise their losses. When competition gets out of this framework, the smaller and less growing companies will be hurt," he pointed out.

Scores of airlines, including six Gulf national courriers, serve the region which is one of the fastest growing in terms of air traffic. Experts said Gulf Air was

facing growing competition from international airlines and the mushrooming carriers in the region, including the fast growing Emirates of Dubai, an expected expansion in Saudi airlines and the new national carriers of Qatar and Oman. "I do not know the reasons

behind the creation of new airline companies in the represent trend in the international aviation industry," said Mr. Siyyabi, an Omani.

by Oman, Bahrain, Qatar and the Abu Dhabi emirate. had made an average net annual profit of between \$35 to \$40 million over the past few years and was expecting even better results in 1994 due to expanding operations in Asia and other regions.

He said Gulf Air, owned

The company, with total assets of more than \$2 billion dollars, has also grown by 12 per cent annually over the past three years It currently has around 39 planes but 15 of them, includ-

ing eight Tristars and seven Boeing 737s, will be phased

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DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AFP) — China is

dominating the watch market

in the main Gulf commercial

centre of Dubai as it presses

ahead with an export blitz

into the oil-rich region, a

China exported 28.1 mil-

lion watches to Dubai in 1993, nearly 60 per cent of the total 46.7 million watches

imported by the emirate, said

the Al Khaleej newspaper,

quoting figures from the state statistics department.

Hong Kong was second, exporting 14.1 million watch-

es, followed by Japan, with export of 2.1 million watches.

South Korean exports stood at 633,000 watches while those by Taiwan stood at 514,000, Switzerland's at 398,000, India's at 146,000 and France at 30,000, according to the stood of the stoo

A breakdown showed Chinese watch exports were

sharply growing, jumping from 17.6 million watches in

1992. Hong Kong's exports also surged from 9.4 million

while Japan's fell from 2.7

million due to the stronger

China has launched a drive

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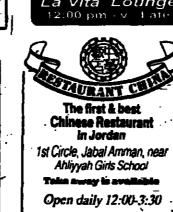




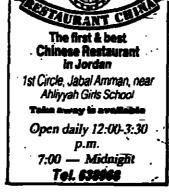


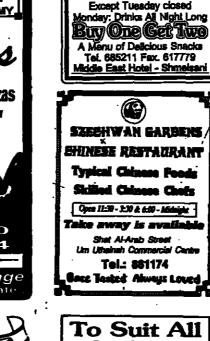
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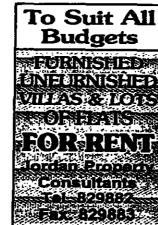












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PARIS (AP) — Showing little effects from a bout of flu, Noureddine Morceli won the overall men's title Saturday at the IAAF Mubil Grand Prix track final with a gritty victory in the 1,500 metres.

The Algerian sprinted the last lap under 51 seconds for a winning time of 3 minutes, 40.09 seconds. It was a slow time compared to his world record of 3:28.82 but it was good enough to win \$130,000 — \$100,000 for the season's overall title and an extra \$30,000 for the 1,500 win.

Jackie Joyner-Kersee clinched the women's overall title with a 7.21 metre winning leap in the long jump, also winning \$130,000.

Morceli said Friday he had the flu and didn't know whether he would compete until just before race time.

His world record at 3,000 metres in Monaco in August gave him an advantage over the other men and he needed just to win his event without any worry about a top time. He was near the head of the pack throughout a tactical

race, then unleashed his devastating final kick. He beat Burundi's Venuste Niyongabo, who had a chance to overtake Morceli in

the overall standings with a Dennis Mitchell of the United States handed Linford

Christie of Britain his third

consecutive defeat in the 100 Mitchell's time was 10.12

Christie was second in 10.13. Jon Drummond of the United States was third in 10.18.

Olympic champion, ran 9.91 at the Commonwealth Games two weeks ago but had been beaten twice since he returned to Europe. Drummond beat him in Rieti, Italy, while Mitchell and Drummond bested him at Berlin.

Mitchell, in a fluorescent green track suit, had a good start, then fought to hold off Christie in the last 50 metres. "I felt him coming in the middle of the race but the

way I have been feeling this year when he came up at me at 90 metres I felt I could hold him off," Mitchell said.

"Dennis was two metres up on me at 35. It was quick gun and Dennis got out quick and I had to play catchup." Christie said. "I thought I won the race. I figure my chest is bigger than his.' Mitchell is now 3-3 against

Christie for the season. "I've been winning a lot of races but there are still two more races to go." Mitchell "I will probably race Linford again and I know he'il be ready.

Khalid Skah won a photofinish in the men's 5,000 over fellow Moroccan Khalid Boulami in 13:14.63. Just one-hudndredth of a second separated them, the same margin as in the short's event of the afternoon, the men's

Jovner-Kersee was tied with four other women enteroverall title through a better performance in complex scor-

Heike Drechsler of Germany was one of those who had a shot at the women's title but was just third in the long jump behind Ukraine's Inessa Kravets, who leaped

Sonia O'Sullivan of Ireland won the women's 5,000 in 15 minutes, 12.94 second sand Svetlana Dimitrova of Bulgaria took the women's 100metre hurdles in 12.66 seconds but both did not measure up point-wise to

Joyner-Kersee. Torrence also finished second in her race and was out of the overall money. Merlene Ottey of Jamaica on the women's 100 in

10.78, equalling a personal best. She just edged Gwen Torrence of the U.S. second, in 10.82, also a personal best. Irina Privalova of Russia was a distant third in 11.02. Marie-Jose Perec of France

delighted the home crowd with a victory in the women's 400 metres in 49.77. The best time in the world this year. She is the world, Olympic and European champion

In the first final of the afternoon, the hammer threw went to world and Olympic champion Andrei Abduvaliyev of Tajikistan with a toss

built around Wright from the moment he appeared against Scotland at Wembly in 1947. Wright first played at right half and remained in one or other of the wing half posi-tions until the World Cup

Former

England

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LONDON (R) — Former

England captain Billy

Wright, the first British play-

er to be capped 100 times,

Saturday. He was 70.

died at his London home

He had fought a long battle against cancer, said a spokes-woman for his former club

side, Wolverhampton

nationals, 70 of them con-

Tom Finney, a contempor-ary in the national side, said

England had "no better or

rock. He was also a nice

Jack Hayward, who made

Wright a director of the club

in 1990, said: "Billy was more

than just a brilliant player,

captain and tactician — he was a real gentleman in the

true meaning of the word.

We shall not see his like

England manager Terry

Venables said Wright was a

tremendous role model for

younger players.

The England team was

"Billy was as solid as a

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secutively.

Wright played in 105 inter-

match against Switzerland at Berne in 1954 when he was switched to centre half He was first chosen as England captain in October 1948 and led his country 90 times,

respected as a quiet but powerful influence It was an eventful period for the English game, with Wright sharing the lows such as the 1-0 World Cup defeat by the United States at Belo Horizonte in 1950 and the two beatings by the Hungarians in 1953 and 1954 that set

new standards for the game. But there were also some exciting highs, most memorably when England beat Austria 3-2 in Vienna in 1952 with Nat Lofthouse's goal just before the end.

Al Hussein top standings after first week of Jordan Soccer League tourney Omari scored from a headminutes later while team-

By Aleen Bannayan Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - Newlycrowned Federation Shield champions Al Hussein gave their fans more to cheer for when they scored an impressive 4-0 victory over newcomers A! Karmel in the opening week of the 1994 first division championship organised by the Jordan Soccer Federation (JSF).

In other matches this week, Al Ahli held titleholders Al Faisali to a 1-1 draw, newcomers Kufr-soum stunned Al Qadissieh 3-2. Al Wihdat defeated Al Jazireh 1-0, Al Ramtha and Al Arabi drew 1-1, and Shabab Al Hussein and Al Jeel also drew 1-1 in the first match of the prestigious championship whose first round is scheduled to

end by mid November. At Al Hussan Stadium in Irbid, over 5,000 supporters cheered Al Hussein first match of the season as they launched the competition with an impressive performance that displayed their determination to achieve an advanced stand-

Striker Munib Gharaibeh opened scoring in the 25th minute, and although Al Hussein missed a penalty kick in the first half, the three consecutive goals in the 75th, 88th and 90th enough to keep lowly Al Karmel concentrating on their defence to avoid more

With this win, Al Hussein topped the standings for now on goal difference. At Amman Stadium, Al Ahli's Khalil Fataftah upset Al Faisali when he scored the precious equaliser for his team in the 71st minute.

Al Faisali had scored their goal by striker Subhi Suleiman in the 28th minute. Teammates Jamal Abu Abed, Jiryes Tadros and Mohannad Mahadin lost a series of scoring chances in the first half.

Al Faisali's fans, whose team is going after their 26th first division title, were undoubtedly extremely upset, especially since they had also lost 2-1 to Al Hussein in the Federation Shield final last week.

Newcomers Kufrsoum scored the most surprising result of the week when they defeated Al Qadissich

Kufrsoum's Ihab Qawasmeh stunned his opponents when he opened scoring in the 2nd minute.

Al Qadissieh soon equal ised by Tha'er Ibrahim in the 16th minute. However Kufrsoum

seemed determined to score a win as Qawasmeh scored his second goal 7

mate Islam Diyabat netted in the third goal in the 45th

Although striker Mustafa Adam, scored a second goal for Al Qadissieh in the 59th minute. Kufrsoum managed to keep their lead and scored an important

In another match, Al Wihdat could only manage a 1-0 win over Al Jazireh from a header by ace strik-er Jihad Abdul Mun'em in the 32nd minute.

Meanwhile, Al Ramtha managed to end their match against lowly Al Arabi in a 1-1 draw at Al Hassan Stadium in a match

attended by 2,00 fans. Al Arabi's Ayman Al er in the 46th minute.

However Al Ramtha's
Badran Al Shaqran and
Mouaffaq Abu Hdeib led their team's attacks and

succeeded in securing a goal when Al Shaqran was tackled and was awarded a penalty from which Abu Hdeib scored the equaliser in the 57th minute.

Shabab Al Hussein's Ra'ed Al Ja'fari gave his team a 1-0 lead when he scored his team's first ever goal in the first division in their match against Al Jeel,

However the relatively inexperienced Shabab Al Hussein could not hold on to their lead and Al Jeel scored their vital equalises in the 74th minute.

Standings after 1st week

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Ahli	1	_	i	_	1	1	1
Ramtha	1	_	1	_	1	1	1
Arabi	1	_	1	_	1	1	1
Jeel	1	_	1		1	1	1
Shabab Al Hussein	1	_	1		1	1	1
Qadissieh	1	_	_	1	2	3	_
Jazirek	1	_		1	_	1	_
Karmel	1	_	_	1	_	4	_

Werder Bremen go top after Dortmund crash in Bundesliga

BONN (AFP) - Werder Bremen finished top of the Bundesliga Saturday after pacesetters Borussia Dortmund were crushed 4-1 at Eintracht Frankfurt.

Bremen, who were 3-1 winners 2t Freiburg Friday night, maintained their onepoint lead at the top with Ghanaian goal ace Anthony Yeboah starting the rout for Yeboah struck just before

half-time, cancelling out a 34th minute opener from Dortmund's Swiss striker Stephane Chapuisat. Defender Manfred Binz made it 2-1, an own goal by

Thomas France 3-1 and Augustine Okocha, the star Nigerian midfielder, got his name on the scoresheet two minutes from time.

Now second, Borussia are joined on six points by a revitalised Bayern Munich.

Bayern, who have had a fairly miserable start to the season — losing the Super Cup to Bremen, knocked out of the German Cup by a team of amateurs and then thrashed 5-1 by Freiburg. were 3-0 winners at MSV Duisburg Friday.

The victory was achieved without the help of their

Maradona says he is as good as dead

high-profile signing from AC Milan, French striker Jean-Pierre Papin, who underwent knee surgery Thursday.

Moenchengladbach's two World Cup stars, Swede Martin Dahlin and Stefan Effenburg got their team's goals in a 2-0 win over Dynamo Dres-

Switzerland's Ciriaco Sforza scored twice in Kaiserslautern's 3-2 win over VFB Stuttgart, while Yordan Letchkov, whose goal knocked Germany out of the World Cup quarterfinals, added the third in Hamburg's 3-1 win over Karlsruhe.

Italy's Serie A kicks off under signs of austerity

MILAN, Italy (AP) — An American defender and a Japanese forward are the novelties this season, or more correctly the result of an Italian Soccer League dealing with unprecedented financial austerity and the unwanted attention of investigating judges.
For some observers, the

arrival of Alexi Lalas and Kazuyoshi (Kazu) Miura, on cheap transfer fees from developing soccer nations such as the United States and Japan, is a clear indication of the Italian league's troubles.

For the first time in postwar Italy, first-division teams were forced to severely curtail their purchases for new

In the wake of a recession which affected commercial sponsors and club owners acquisition of 17 foreign newcomers cost 50 billion lire (\$31.2 million), 50 per cent

less than last year. At the same time, 30 highly paid non-Italians, including stars such as Frenchman lean-Pierre Papin, Argentine Claudio Caniggia and German Andreas Moeller, were sold abroad to ease the financial strain on some Italian clubs that were close to bank-

Two Serie B — or second-' division - teams have been banished to the third division because of their economic problems while first-division Napoli had to provide special financial guarantees in order

to be allowed to play when the season kicks off Sunday. The 18 teams play a 34round schedule that will con-

tinue until May 28. This year's season will include a change in the standings., with three points awarded for a victory, one for a draw and none for a loss — the same method as the recently completed World Cup and already in use in England and

has defending champion AC Milan at home in San Siro Stadium against Genoa; Sampdoria facing Padova at the neutral field of Bologna; Cremonese at Parma; Juventus at Brescia; Lazio at Bari; Cagliari at Fiorentina; Reggiana at Napoli; Foggia at Roma; and Torino hosting

Meanwhile, some Milan dollar transfers from the last

(\$25 million).

depressed economy," says Giorgio Tosatti, a leading

Italian and European champoin AC Milan, which is owned by media-tycoonturned-premier Silvio Berlusconi, was not immune from the austerity measures, selling more players than it Milan, trying for a rare

Italian soccer commentator.

fourth consecutive league title and consecutive European Champoins Cup crowns, signed Ruud Gullit, Giovanni Stroppa and Gianluca Sordo while purging itself of Papin, Brian Laudrup, Florin Raducioiu and Fernando de Napo-

Gullit, who returns to Milan following one year with Sampdoria, will join Montenegrin Dejan Savicevic, French midfielder ters and Bulgaria in the Marcel Desailly and Ci Zvonimir Boban.

Dutch striker Marco van Basten, still sidelined with a recurring ankle injury, may miss his second consecutive season from 'Milan.

Lalas, the long-haired, go-ated defender of the U.S. national team, will be the first-ever American to play in Italy, with underdog Padova. He cost the Italian club 400

million lire (\$250,000), compared with the 10 billion lire (\$6.2 million) each Portuguese midfielders Paulo Sousa and Rui Costa cost Juventus of Turin and Fiorentina.

Miura did not cost Genoa a single lira — arriving through

a complex deal involving the

commercial sponsors of the Italian team and Miura's former Japanese club. Verdy Kawasaki. Despite the uncertain eco-

nomic outlook the Italian major league still is likely to produce the world's best soccer, attract the largest crowds and get the biggest television audiences in Europe. Italy's loss to Brazil in the World Cup final in a penalty

shootout was a bitter disappointment for Italian fais, but it boosted the worldwide popularity of such stars as Roberto Baggio, Giuseppe Signori, Franco Baresi, Paolo Maldini and Dino Baggio.

Roberto Baggio, the ponytailed striker whose decisive goals lifted Italy past Nigeria in the second round of the World Cup, Spain the quarsemis, will try to lead Juventus to its first league title in nine years.

The Turin team, owned by the Agnelli family of auto tycoons, has won the Italian eague a record 22 times. Sousa and fellow newcont-

er Didier Deschamps will join Baggio and Juventus regular Gianluca Viali in an attempt to end the drought. Signori, who led the Italian league in scoring last season with 23 goals, has extended his contract with Lazio

through 1997.

British midfielder Paul Gascoigne, who broke his right leg last season, is still on Lazio's payroll, but his return to competitive play is uncer-



Amman Friday hosted an amateur golf tournament at the Bisharat Golf Club. It was for the second time that the embassy hosted a golf tournament at the club. More than 50 players from various circles in Amman including diplomats as well as Jordanian and Korean businessmen, participated in the game. Major Korean companies in Amman (Hanbo, Hyundai, Samsung Daewoo, Lucky-Gold Star, etc.) contributed to the event by donating their products (television sets, audio set etc.) as prizes for this golf tournament During the lunch following the game, South Korean Ambassador Jung-II Oh, who assumed his duty last March, presided over the awarding ceremony and said he hoped this kind of sporting event would promote mutual understanding and friendship amon sport lovers in Amman. Photo shows Mr. Oh (middle) awarding the grand prize to the winner of the tournament, D. Keegan (right)

Diego Maradona

bathroom.

BUENOS AIRES (R) — Shrouded in black and with his voice barely more than a wnisper, Di pronounced himself as good as dead Friday and said he

could not envisage a return to Maradona, 33, was speaking in public for the first time since receiving a 15-month ban from the world soccer body FIFA Aug. 24 for fail-

ing a doping test.
"Me, they killed me. I'm completely dead, both as a man and a player," the fallen superstar told a news conference "I don't think I'll be doing any soccer, it doesn't

The former Argentina captain, who tested positive for performance-enhancing drugs in June in the biggest scandal in World Cup history, described the suspen-

sion as unreasonable. "It's totally unfair. There are no words to express what they did to me," he said. "I had said (when first suspended during the World Cup) that they'd cut my legs away from me — I think they've now cut my entire

Maradona, serving his second 15-month ban in little more than three years following a brush with cocaine, cut a sorry sight as he explained

said. "I used to play in the Maradona had refused to

speak to the press since FIFA announced the suspension except for brief comments shouted that day to a televi-sion crew, in which he said he felt FIFA had been too harsh

Clean-shaven unlike on

As if he had chosen to announce his soccer death at the site of his first love, Maradona, who led Argentina to World Cup glory in 1986, picked Boca Juniors Club as venue for the news

'I don't feel up to another challenge like the last World Cup," he muttered,

what soccer meant to him. "It was wonderful," he

morning and in the afternoon. Even when I went to bed with my wife I was train-

on him.

other occasions when he sported several days' growth, Maradona wore black.

conference.

He said defiantly he would choking back the tears.

France. Sunday's opening round

judges began investigating alleged fiscal irregularities and illegal payments behind some of the multi-million-

two years. AC Milan officials were questioned about the 1993 transfer of Gianluigi Lentini from Torino — a record deal estimated at 40 billion lire

Top executives of Torino have been investigated for several alleged administrative misdeeds and presidents of Cagliari and Foggia were briefly detaiend amidst kickback scandals

'Soccer is no longer a happy island in the sea of Italy's

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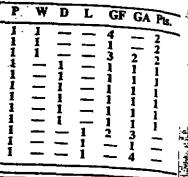
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Fu retains title at World ague tourne Swimming Championships Russia, Greece tie in water polo

ROME (AP) — When she first won the world title, Fu Mingxia was a tiny 12-year-old, a child star who eclipsed older, more experienced di-

After defending her title Saturday, 16-year-old Fu admits she has grown up. In her won words, she's "more sophisticated,"

Olympic champion Fu produced a stunning final dive to snatch the gold medal from countrywoman Chi Bin.

Needing to score over 62 points on her final dive in the 10 metre highboard, Fu brought gasps of admiration from the crowd with an inward 3 1/2 somersault.

It earned her scores of 8.5 and four 8.00s to collect 75.48, the highest of the competition, as she became the first woman to win back-to-back highboard world titles. Fu totalled 434.04 points to

take first place. Chi collected silver with a score of 420.24 and Maria Jose Alcala became the first Mexican woman to win a world championship medal by placing third with 396.48.

"I'm not really satisfied with my scores," Fu said. "I adidn't get as good a score as I Saturday's action also incitided preliminary team synchronised swimming, first round 3-metre men's diving, *1-metre women's diving and men's and women's water polo. Race swimming does not start until Monday.

In men's water polo Russia and Greece tied 5-5, the Netherlands edged the Un-ited States 8-7, Kazakhstan

WASHINGTON (R) - U.S.

Labour Secretary Robert Reich ripped major league

baseball's owners and players

Friday for not trying harder

to resolve their differences as

the baseball strike hits the

Labour Day holiday weekend

Reich said the owners and

players, whose negotiations

are in an indefinite recess,

have turned a sport beloved

as the national pastime into a

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with a strike entering its fourth week and a total of 284

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downed Canada 10-4, Spain overpowered Australia 10-5 and Cuba whipped South Africa 8-1.

Defending titlist the Netherlands crushed Brazil 18-4 in women's action, Russia edged Canada 7-6, and the Americans scored an 11-5 victory over the Germans. New Zealand defeated Kazakhstan 6-5, Hungary downed France 7-4 and host nation Italy posted a 10-8

victory over Australia. Fu has filled out since she first won the title in Perth, Australia in 1991.

"Three years ago I was rather small," she said. "Now I have grown up and I think I

am more sophisticated."
Probably the biggest name in China's powerful, well-drilled diving team, Fu has the self-confidence to fight off rivals even if it means going down to the last dive. The American challenge faded although Eileen Richeteilli placed fourth with 395.88 after a poor start to

to the eight-dive final. Going into the competi-tion, which was suspended Friday by a thunderstorm, the Americans were second and third behind Fu and ahead of Chi.

Although Mary Ellen Clark held second place after the second round, her challenge fell away during the second half of the competition after mediocre dives in rounds five, six and seven. With two rounds left she had dropped to ninth and eventually finished seventh with 388.05 points.

"I just didn't attack the entries the way I should

U.S. labour secretary rips

baseball owners and players

"If the parties don't want

to resolve their dispute, well,

then unfortunately they're

going to have to stew in their

own juice," Reich said in an

interview on Mutual-NBC

emblem of the national pas-

time, the emblem of kids, the

symbol of summer. It is now

unfortunately becoming a

symbol of national greed."
Reich said his office has

been trying to encourage negotiation but that the two

both sides. We've been pro-

viding mediation," Reich ex-

plained. "I've told both sides

repeatedly we're willing to do

anything to help them get back to the bargaining table

to move that along.

"We're been working with

sides are not cooperating.

"Baseball had been the

have." Clark said. "I'm disappointed that I didn't put it all together but there are going to be other meets.
The Chinese know we're

around. At some point we'll be standing up there (on the podium).

Richetelli said the scoring appeared tough. "They're not giving any-thing away, that's for sure. You have to absolutely dis-

"I'm pretty disappointed. I missed a few things here and there. I still have some catching up to do.'

appear in the water," she

Despite the American fadeout in this final, Fu acknowledged that American divers were emerging as appeared. We now face quite a strong challenge from the U.S. team," said the twotime world champion.

The only other Mexican to win a world championship medal was Carlos Giron who gained a bronze in the men's highboard in 1975.

'I'm very happy and proud to have won the medal," Alcala said. "It doesn't matter if it's a man or a woman who wins. The most important thing is to have support from the Mexican govenment.

Canadian divers Anne Montminy and Myriam Boileau also threatened to challenge the leaders but dropped back in the final

Monuminy, who held the lead after four rounds, totalled 395.79 to finish fifth and Boileau, in second place after round five, ended up ninth

to resolve their differences.

So far I'm not hearing from

either side that they really are

dedicated to resolving those

Reich said as insistant as

the owners are about install-

ing a salary cap to rein-in

costs of running a franchise,

so are the players adamant

about refusing to accept such

artificial restraints.
"I believe both sides are

taking their customers for

granted. They're taking the fans for granted," Reich said.

America are going to be turn-

ing around and saying, frank-

ly, a pox on both your houses. We just don't care.

We're going to go to the professional football season

... and well, forget baseball."

"The great baseball fans of

differences.

Four big name players get knocked out of U.S. Open

NEW YORK (AP) - There was Jim Courier getting clob-bered in the stadium, Andrei Medvedev crumbling in the grandstand, Wimbledon champ Conchita Martinez and Mary Joe Fernandez reeling on court 16.

It was a Friday afternoon of sunshine and sucker punches at the U.S. Open with players hardly anyone ever heard of sneaking up and knocking out four big names.

Courier's lassitude caught up to him against a fiery, fist-pumping young Italian, 21-year-old Andrea Gaudenzi, who took out the no. 11 seed 7-5, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3 in the second round - the same round Courier lost in at

Wimbledon. A couple of weeks ago, Courier spoke of bagging his rackets, maybe the sport, if he couldn't recover his desire. He almost stayed away from the open, and perhaps now wishes he did.

This performance, while not as utterly indifferent as some of the ones he's put on in the past year, lacked passion for the first two sets and revealed again why he has fallen so precipitously from the top of tennis.

Courier plays at two paces, hard and harder. When those aren't enough, when his tim-ing or accuracy are a tad off, he doesn't adjust to the conditions or his opponents.

He might have thrown Gaudenzi off by coming to the net more, mixing up strokes, doing anything different. It took an hour and a half

and though it worked he never tried it again. Instead, he slugged and slugged until he was slugged out, dumping the

last ball into the net. After losing in his 22nd straight tournament, Courier was asked how he might get back to the level he played at when he won two Australian Opens and two French Opens.

"Do you want to tell me?" he responded. "It is a process. You have to work through it."

Gaudenzi couldn't have been more surprised at himself, the way he played and the way he reined in a temper that has cost him many other

"I didn't expect to play this good on this surface," he said. "My best surface is

Gaudenzi admitted he got

"really scared" when he led 5-1 in the fourth set and Courier started coming back.
"I tell yoiu, at 5-3 when I was serving, I was already expecting to go to 5-4. I was ready to play the fifth set, because that's how you have to be. If you just think you have to win this game, you're never going to win it,' Gaudenzi said.

Karel Novacek played one of the best matches of his life to beat Medvedev 6-3, 6-2, 6-2, then pronounced, to no one's surprise, "I feel fantastic. I played, like, no mis-

Medvedev seemed slow on the court, stuck at times,

unsure whether to come in or stay back. Novacek was playing as if in a dream, and Medvedev had no idea what to do.

Feeling pretty fantastic, too, were Californian Ginger Helgeson, who toppled women's no. 3 Martinez 3-6, 6-4, 6-1., and Ohio native Ann Grossman, who upset no. 9 Fernandez 6-4, 6-4. Not all the seeded players

fell. No. 4 Michael Stich looked strong and quick in a 6-1, 6-4, 6-2 victory over Steve Bryan, and no. 5 Stefan Edberg looked even tougher in a 6-2, 6-3, 6-2 victory over Jeff Tarango.

Three women's seeds cruised comfortably. No. 2 Arantxa Sanchez Vicario beat Sandra Cecchini 6-2, 6-1; no. 5 Kimiko Date beat Lisa Raymond 6-4, 6-2 and no. 8 Gabriela Sabatini beat Isabelle Demongeot 6-0, 6-2.

Helgeson, who turns 26 three days after the open ends, lost to Martinez a few

weeks ago in San Diego. "It's been tough, playing her so many times, and playing well at periods, but never really converting and capitalising on my opportunities and just finally closing out the match," Helgeson said. You lose to somebody so many times, it's really hard to get over that hardle, to keep believing every time you walk out on court that you can do it. It just may take five, six

"At Wimbledon, in the final, I watched her against Martina and she just had that



Italy's Andrea Gandenzi celebrates his U.S. Open victory

backhand dip down. She loves that shot. I prepared to close the net off a lot more. I believe in myself. I knew I could."

Grossman, who pulled the other big surprise among the women, also cited belief in "Before, I've always really been hard on myself," said the 23-year-old. "If I miss one shot, I go crazy. Everyone says I'm an angry player, and now I'm just enjoying

herself as the key to victory.

IOC accepts taekwondo, triathlon for Sydney athletes more power. "I think it is worth it," he

PARIS (R) — The up-andcoming sports of tackwondo and triathlon both won places Saturday on the programme of the Sydney 2000 Games, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) said.

An IOC spokesman said the decision was taken by the IOC's ruling executive board and had to be ratified by rank-and-file IOC members Sunday or Monday.

Tzekwondo — a martial art that originated in Korea and is now practised in over 100 countries — and triathlon a combination of swimming, cycling and running were among 11 sports fight-ing for a lucrative place on

the Olympic programme.
Two other events, softball and beach volleyball, are on the programme for Atlanta in 1996 but the IOC will not decide until after those games whether they should continue

in Sydney.

According to the Olympic charter, the IOC must give games organisers six years' notice about what sports they should include on their programme.

But IOC President Juan

Antonio Samaranch told a news conference before the executive board meeting that additions could also be discussed at an IOC meeting in Budapest next June.

IOC spokesman Andrew Napier said taekwondo and triathlon would both be on the programme for Sydney

Taekwondo was a demonstration sport at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics. Its inclusion was fought for by IOC Vice-President Kim Un-Young, a South Korean who heads the World Taekwondo Federation

The board decreed that triathletes would have to cover the official Olympic dis-tance — a 1.5-km swim, 40km cycle race and 10-km run - rather than allow more than one triathlon event at

the games. The decision came after sports officials from around the world wrapped up the centenary Olympic Congress with a solemn declaration pledging to step up the fight against doping and give

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The declaration, synthesising proposals made in four days of speeches, also proclaimed the unity of the Olympic movement 100 years after Frenchman Pierre de Coubertin achieved his dream of reviving the Olym-

piads of ancient Greece.

Samaranch, a Spaniard who has overseen a transformation of the games since taking over the IOC in 1980, conceded that the 11-page document contained few new ideas — but said that was partly because the Olympics

were already in good shape. you have to conserve what

you have," he said. The congress attracted more than 3,000 delegates from sports federations. national Olympic committees and the IOC. More than 400 speeches were made on subiects such as the relationship between sport and business or dangers facing the modern

Perhaps the main contribution to the congress, howev-

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er, came from the French taxpayer. The week-long said. iamboree will cost more than \$15 million, two-thirds of it the IOC, through its Olympic coming from Paris City authorities and French government coffers, Samaranch

Samaranch defended that expenditure, pointing out that the last Olympic Congress, in the German Black Forest resort of Baden-Baden, was 13 years ago.

And he said a routine session of the 90-strong IOC, which gets together about once a year and will meet in Paris Sunday and Monday.

solidarity fund, was giving some 200 tonnes of food and medicine to the people of Rwanda. The food will be distri-

buted by the U.N. High

Samaranch announced that

Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), which is looking after some two million refugees from Rwanda. Samaranch said the IOC had hoped to channel the aid

through the Rwandan Olympic Committee, but the comttee had simply 'disappeared."

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Sudan scholars issue fatwa against conference

KHARTOUM (AFP) - Protestors from an Islamic university in Khartoum issued a fatwa Saturday against the U.N. World Population Conference in Cairo, calling on all Muslims to boycott and "lead a war" against the event. Organisers said more than 4,000 students and lecturers Organisers said more than 4,000 students and lecturers from the Holy Koran and Islamic Science University marched Saturday on the city's U.N. office, where the fatwa — or religious decree — declaring the conference and its draft recommendations as counter to Islam was issued to U.N. representatives. The protesters, including women students, raised copies of the Holy Koran and chanted anti-American and anti-United Nations slogans. They handed two memoranda to U.N. envoy Adil Saghai-toon, declaring that U.N. Secretary General Boutros Ghali had abandoned the cause of developing countries and was "helping to eliminate" the human race by backing the conference's proposals for stemming world population

OIC urges members to attend conference

JEDDAH, Saudi Arabia (AFP) — The Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC) on Saturday urged member states to attend the U.N. World Population Conference in Cairo to block any un-Islamic resolutions. Hamid Algabid, OIC secretary general, said in a statement here that "member states must be present at the conference and make Islamic positions count during debates." "They must block the adoption of any document which goes against Islamic principles," he added. He also condemned the conference's draft resolutions which have already drawn fire from Muslim leaders and the Vatican. The draft action plan "promotes population control by abortion and free access to modern contraception," he charged. "Population growth does not always constitute an obstacle to development everywhere," he said. "Under-population is even the main handicap to development in some cases." Four out of the 48 OIC members - Iraq, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia and Sudan - have announced they will boycott the Cairo conference, which opens on Monday and lasts until September 13.

Iraq joins boycott

NICOSIA (AFP) - Iraq said Saturday it would boycott the U.N. World Population Conference because its draft action plan contradicted Baghdad's policy. An Iraqi foreign ministry spokesman told the official agency INA that the conference's aims contradicted Iraq's policies and social and development programmes. The agency, monitored in Cyprus, said Baghdad had taken the decision after it 'examined the document relating to the conference and found contradicting social, political and economic posi-

U.N. chief in Cairo for conference

CAIRO (R) — U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Ghali arrived in Cairo on Saturday for the U.N. conference on population and development, saying peace and develop-ment were inextricable. "There is no peace without development and we cannot achieve development without peace," he told reporters at Cairo airport. Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Musa, at the airport to meet Mr. Boutros Ghali, told reporters earlier that states boycotting the conference had made a big mistake. "They should have taken part and worked to oppose any recommendations which contradict their traditions," he said.

Jane Fonda arrives in Egypt

CAIRO (AP) - American actress Jane Fonda arrived Saturday for the U.N. conference and said Egypt was a wise choice for the meeting since it illustrates the problems of overpopulation. Cairo is a city of 14 million and Egypt's total population is 58 million. Ms. Fonda will visit the Giza pyramids and ancient temples at Luxor in southern Egypt during her stay, as well as take part in the nine-day conference opening Monday.

'Kuwait gets new tanks, vehicles'

KUWAIT (R) — Kuwait will take delivery of its first batch of American Abrams M1-A2 tanks and British Warrior armoured vehicles by mid-1995, an army officer was reported as saying on Saturday. Brigadier Salem Al Masoud, commander of Kuwaiti land forces, gave no numbers in a brief interview to the Kuwait news agency but added the M1-A2 would be able to protect itself against chemical weapons. Kuwait signed agreements for the purchase of 218 of the tanks made by General Dynamics for about \$2.0 billion and 254 Warriors made by GKN for about \$1.0 billion after a U.S.-led alliance ended Iraq's occupation in the 1991 Gulf war. The weapons are expected to be delivered in stages over the remainder of the

Palestinian wounded by soldiers in Gaza

GAZA CTTY, Gaza Strip (AFP) — Israeli soldiers shot and wounded a Palestinian during a demonstration in the south of the Gaza Strip. Palestinians said Saturday. The man, in his 50s, was wounded when soldiers opened fire Friday on stone-throwing demonstrators close to the Neve Dekalim settlement and the Khan Yunes refugee camp. Palestinian police did not intervene, the sources added. Under the May 4 autonomy accord the Israeli army remained responsible for security around Jewish settlements on the strip.

France holds four more after Morocco killings

PARIS (R) - French police on Saturday detained four more people suspected of links to gunmen who killed two Spanish tourists in Morocco last month, police sources said. The four join 13 others held in France in a probe of possible accomplices of three Frenchmen of Algerian origin and a Moroccan living in France who were arrested in Morocco after the Aug. 4 shooting and robbery in a Marrakesh hotel. French police arrested 27 people in a series of raids on Thursday but have released 14 of them. The shooting has soured relations between Morocco and Algeria -Morocco blamed the attack on a mainly Algerian gang. Algeria in turn closed its border with Morocco.

Indonesian killed in nuclear laboratory explosion

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — A nuclear laboratory at an Indonesian science centre has exploded, leaving one worker dead and injuring a janitor, the director-general of the state atomic energy agency said Saturday. Djali Ahimsa said the laboratory blast Wednesday at the Centre for Science and Technology Development caused no radiation leaks and occurred in an area for non-radioactive materials. The atomic agency manages the nuclear laboratory in West Java province, 40 kilometres west of Jakarta, along with a 30-megawart reactor provided by Siemens A.G. of Germany. Mr. Ahimsa said the agency is investigating the cause of the explosion. Police have sealed off the nuclear centre and military officers cordoned off the whole area, he said. The agency recently announced it would build a 10-megawatt isotope-producing reactor in the area of the accident. The Indonesian Environmental Forum, known as Walhi, called on the government to investigate the extent of the damage and determine whether the blast caused radiation leaks. "If there are such leaks, the government should publicly announce it. Do not try to cover up the case, because the public has the right to know," said Emmy Hafidz, a Walhi spokesperson.

FIS offers truce

PARIS (R) - Algeria's ban-(FIS) is offering the govern-ment the possibility of a truce for the first time as part of efforts to resolve political violence, the FIS leadership in evile said on Saturday

in exile said on Saturday. It said jailed FIS leader Abassi Madani had recently written to Algerian President Liamine Zeroual adding the chance of a truce to strict conditions already laid down by the FIS before any talks could start. A spokesman for Rabah

Kebir, the FIS leader in exile in Germany, said it was the first time the FIS had offered the possibility of a truce. The French daily Liberation described the offer in the letter as a major concession by the

Conditions already laid down by the FIS before any talks can start include the release of all political prisoners, a return to the rule of law and the prospect of FIS political leaders being able to meet freely with leaders of their militia wings.

More than 4,000 people

have been killed in civil unrest following the govern-ment's cancellation of 1992 elections that the FIS was poised to win.

Mr. Zeroual resumed talks with legal opposition parties last month and asked them to contact jailed FIS leaders to seek their help in ending the political violence.

The talks follow a series started by Mr. Zeroual's pre-decessors in late 1992, all of which failed to resolve the North African country's conflict, mainly between security forces and Muslim militants trying to overthrow the armybacked government.

Meanwhile four gunmen ned Islamic Salvation Front shot and killed an Algerian magistrate in the western town of Chief, Algeria's APS news agency reported Satur-

day quoting security officials. Mohamed Khellafi was killed by the four assailants on Friday night near his home in the town 160 kilometres southwest of Algiers, APS

About 20 magistrates and lawyers have been killed since May 1993 by suspected Muslim militants in Algeria. Twenty-six militants, sent-enced to death by military or special courts, were executed early last year.

In Tripoli on Friday the leaders of Libya and Sudan, on the sidelines of Libyan anniversary celebrations, have promised Mr. Zeroual they will do nothing to aid his

Muslim militants.

Algerian officials have accused both countries of aiding the fundamentalists.

Mr. Zeroual and Sudan's

General Omar Hassan Al Bashir were among the few heads of state to attend Thursday's celebration of the 25th anniversary of Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi's

revolution.

Mr. Zeroual brought his interior minister and senior security officials with him to Tripoli and used the visit to raise the Algerian crisis with both Col. Qadhafi and Gen. Bashir.

'After a joint review of the A'gerian accusations, it a: peared that most of them ar baseless," Gen. Bashir told reporters.

We have agreed to maintain contacts to make sure that no actions are carried out threatening the security of the two countries."

Vatican to establish ties with Palestinians — Pope

VATICAN CITY (Agencies)

— Pope John Paul II said
Saturday that the Vatican was currently preparing to establish diplomatic relations with "the representatives of the Palestinian people."

The Pope, speaking to Catholic bishops from the Middle East, said Vatican officials were "currently preparing the opening of official relations with the representatives of the Palestinian peo-

He said he hoped the establishment of official ties would "create a more fertile dialogue for all parties, and also open up for the Roman Catholic communities of the Middle East the prospect of a peaceful future.

Of the Middle Last peace process he noted that "the journey to be travelled is still but drew encouragement from the establishment of diplomatic ties between the Vatican on the one hand and Israel and Jordan on the

The PLO on Saturday hailed Morocco's decision to establish liaison offices in Tel Aviv and Palestinian-

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) -

Middle East Airlines, Leba-

non's flag carrier, resumed

normal flights Saturday after

cockpit crews ended a 24-

hour warning strike that

stranded thousands of

travellers at Beirut interna-

tional airport, airport offi-

demand a pay raise, was to

end at midday Saturday (0900

GMT), but MEA flights re-

sumed several hours before

An MEA jumbo jet took

off for London with 400 pas-sengers at 8:25 a.m. (0505

The strike, called Friday to

cials said.

MEA crew end strike

controlled Gaza and urged other states to follow.

The decision of the kingdom of Morocco to open a liaison office in Gaza side-byside with a similar one in Tel Aviv represents a form of support for the Palestinian national authority and a recognition of the national entity which is the nucleus of an independent Palestinian state," a PLO statement said.

"The Palestine Liberation Organisation..., calls on other states worldwide to follow the Moroccan example and recognise the Palestinian National Authority because this recognition is the proper way to reinforce the peace process," it added.

The statement signed by the PLO's chief spokesman on Arab and foreign affairs, Mahmoud Abbas, was issued a day after both Morocco and Israel announced their mutual decision to establish low-level ties.

In Damascus two radical Palestinian guerrilla groups Saturday bitterly criticised Morocco for establishing diplomatic relations with

from Şaudi Arabia arrived

The strike by the union representing MEA's 300

pilots and flight engineer

grounded at least 10 MEA

planes scheduled to fly to

Europe, the Gulf and North

three hours later.

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4 killed in Aden after saints' tombs destroyed

SANAA (R) — Four people were killed in fighting between Muslim zealots and security forces in Aden on Saturday and troops scaled off the approaches to the southern Yemeni port city, residents contacted from Sanaa said.

The clashes came after armed Muslim zealots believed to be linked to the purist Wahhabi sect demolished the tombs of three Muslim saints in the city on Friday, sparking a 30-minute gunfight with police, the residents told Reuters by tele-

Security police and troops on Saturday attacked the zealots who had taken up positions on top of buildings in various parts of the city and tried to take over the police station in its commercial centre, Crater, the residents said.

Bursts of machinegun fire and explosions of rocketpropelled grenades and Bazooka rockets could still be heard in different parts of the city on Saturday afternoon, the residents said. At least four people, two

Miss Paragnay Jacayne Peyrat is awarded the International beauty pageant Saturday at Iso Miss National Containe prize of the '94 Miss city, western Japan. The final competition will

of the zealots and two from the security forces, were killed, they said. Officials in Aden declined all comment. All the land approaches to

the port city were sealed off at noon local time (0900 GMT) on Saturday. apparently to stop reinforcements reaching the zealots from the neighbouring provinces of Lahej and Abyan, the residents said. Groups of bearded young

men armed with automatic weapons and bombs used bulldozers to demolish domes covering the tombs of three Muslim saints in the Crater and Sheikh Othman suburbs of Aden at dawn on Friday, the residents said.

In many Muslim countries saints are buried in mosques with domes over their tombs. But some Muslim sects, such as the puritanical Wahhabis, strongly oppose the existence idol worship. When asked by police to

of tombs inside mosques which they see as a form of

disperse, the men took up positions on top of buildings. A 30-minute gunbattle followed but it was not clear if there were any injuries or arrests. Residents also said that a small commercial aircraft be-

city, western Japan. The final competition will be held here 04 August (AFP photo)

longing to the Swiss charter firm Zemex was blown up at Aden airport on Friday morning. No more details were available. Large numbers of weapons private hands in Yemen and the number of

weapons in circulation has increased since the country's two-month civil war which ended on July 7. Aden was besieged and

captured by Yemeni government forces during the war against southern separatists led by leaders of South Yemen's former ruling group, the Yemen Socialist Party.

mainly Muslim Sarajevo on Thursday for what the Vatican has known since the outset will be the most dangerous visit of his pontificate. Sarajevo airport, where he will land and take off, is

surrounded by anti-aircraft guns of both sides and has been closed frequently since July by firing on U.N. relief aircraft.

months of Serb siege.

Pope's Sarajevo visit in doubt

day by refusing to guarantee his plane would not be shot

Africa. MEA has 16 oper-However, one MEA Boeing 747 took off for Paris and another for the Gulf Friday evening after MEA persuaded some pilots to cross

Negotiations to resolve the dispute began Friday, but were suspended until MonSARAJEVO (R) — Bosnian Serbs threw Pope John Paul's

Radovan Karadzic, presi-

Serbs Privately the leadership has told the Vatican the

against them during the The Pope is due to arrive in

planned pilgrimage to Sarajevo into doubt on Satur-

dent of the self-proclaimed Bosnian Serb Republic, told a papal envoy he feared Muslims might attack the 74-yearold pontiff and blame the

Pope's presence in Bosnia is "highly undestrable" because the Orthodox Serbs believe the Vatican has been biased

break-up of Yugoslavia. Papal nuncio Monsignor Francesco Monterisi spent two hours with Mr. Karadzic

at his Pale headquarters near Sarajevo trying to persuade the Serbs to drop their opposition. He left saying only that "it

was a very interesting meeting with the president."

Bosnian Serb Foreign

Minister Aleksa Buha said: "The Serbs informed the envoy they could not take responsibility for possible inci-dents from the Muslim side. The visit by the holy father is still in the air.

A simple refusal by Mr. Karadzic to promise b : will

not be harmed is likely to be sufficient to block his pilgrimage to the city where 10,000 people have been killed in 29

GMT) and an MEA airliner Palestinians introduce new school curriculum

By Wafa Amr Reuter

OCCUPIED JERU-SALEM - Palestinians, whose education was once controlled by Israel, are introducing a new curricu-lum including Palestinian history to schools in the

Gaza Strip and West Bank. Over half a million pupils began classes on Saturday in schools run for the first time by the Palestinian Authority.

"We are in the process of developing an independent Palestinian curriculum after controlling our educa-tion system for the first time in our history," said Sami Adwan, a professor at Bethlehem University.

"We are continuing now with the existing curricu-

lum, making changes along the way until we make a permanent one that will come as we achieve statehood," he told a conference organised by the International Centre for Peace in the Middle East.

Palestinian officials said the PLO had begun changing the curriculum in the past year. They said the Palestinian

authority will introduce a new subject to be taught in schools dealing with Palestinian history and social structure.

One official said school books were "Jordanian oriented, with King Hussein's pictures inside each book and a foreword by the King. Books and curricula were also censored by the Israeli authorities."

Israel had tightly control-

led Palestinian schools and barred teaching students anything about Palestinian

After 27 years of Israeli occupation. Palestinians took over most of the Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho in May in the first phase of last September's peace deal between Israel and the Palestine Libera-

tion Organisation (PLO). Israel this week handed over control of the education authority in the rest of the West Bank to the Palestinians.

Mr. Adwan said the Palestinian Authority's shortage of money to cover educational needs would be a major problem. We are starting from

scratch. We don't have our

own educational philoso-

phy," he said.

torically influenced by powers which controlled us such as the Jordanians in the West Bank and the Egyptians in the Gaza Strip and then the Israelis.
"Thus our history geography, and social structure had been neg-

"Our curriculum was his-

lected throughout history in our curriculum." Mr. Adwan said. He said under Israel occupation, the Palestinian education system suffered

from underdevelopment and neglect.

Most school buildings
were unfit for teaching since they were not originally built for educational

purposes, he added.
"There is bad lighting, no ventilation, nor sanita-tion, no heating. Ceilings of many schools are failing

down and classrooms are very small.

Teachers' salaries ranged from only \$200 to \$450 a month, compelling many to seek part-time jobs for extra pay, he said.

"The ratio of teacher to student is very high — one to 31 in the West Bank and one to 39 in Gaza Strip.
"There are 19,641

teachers in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, and we need an additional 20,000 teachers to make the balance between teachers and students." Mr. Adwan

In contrast, Israeli school teacher Sami Sheetrit told the conference that the average class in Israel has two teachers and about 25 pupils who use computers and videos at school.

Cruise cancelled on mystery iliness ship

LOS ANGELES (R) — A Labour Day weekend cruse aboard a luxury liner was abruptly cancelled Friday following the outbreak of a my-lowing the outbreak of a my-tery intestinal illness that fel-led more than 400 passengers and crew and may have caused the death of one man. A spokesman for Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines with Caribbean Cruise Lines said the company had decided to cancel the three-day cruise aboard Viking Princess after being told by health officials that the illness was caused by

Taiwan jails teacher for boy's death

TAIPEI (R) — A Taiwan nursery school teacher has been sentenced to seven and a half years in prison after a four-year-old boy suffocated when the teacher locked him in a school car, a court spokesman said on Saturday. Pan Shiou-Ling, 18, a teacher at a nursery school in the southern county of Pingtung, lock-ed Feng Wei-Jieh, in a school car last April for six hours as punishment after the fouryear-old refused to apologize for quarrelling with other students. Feng was found dead in the car six hours later. Feng's parents told local newspapers they would appeal because the sentence for the teacher was too light.

Poisoned arrows latest in Khmer Rouge arsenal

BANGKOK (AFP) -- Cambodia's Khmer Rouge guer-rillas said Saturday they had added poisoned arrows to their arsenal of weapons. In a broadcast monitored in Thailand. Khmer Rouge radio gave a long list of villages where bows and poisontipped arrows were being manufactured for use against government troops. The radio also said new traps had been laid for government troops around Khmer Rougeheld villages consisting of camouflaged ditches filled with bamboo-spikes shaved to a sharp point.

Singaporean sentenced to death for drug trafficking

SINGAPORE (AFP) -Singaporean Tan Yew Lee has been sentenced to death by hanging for drug trafficking, a High Court official said Saturday. Tan, 35, was found guilty of possession of 13 packets of heroin, weighing a total of 1.4 kilogrammes, late last year. His sentence was handed down Friday. Tan has an automatic appeal against the death sentence which is mandatory for drug trafficking. An individual caught with 15 grammes or more of heroin is deemed to be a drug trafficker. Since the introduction of the mandatory death sentence in 1975, when the drug laws were amended, 76 people have been hanged, about half of them foreigners. About another 50 people are either awaiting trial for drug trafficking, or appealing against death sent-

New San Francisco fauitline discovered

SAN FRANCISCO, California (AFP) — Scientists have discovered a deep faultline in the earth's crust linking the two known major faultines along the west coast of the United States, the magazine Science reported in its latest issue Friday. The 65kilometre faultline, running to a depth of 15 kilometres between San Jose and Vallejo, links the San Andreas and Hayward faultimes and could be the trigger for periodic earthquakes in the San Francisco bay area, the magazine said. So far unnamed, the fault is too deep to come quakes itself but could permit energy to pass from one of the major faultlines to the other and thereby cause an earth movement. An official of the U.S. Geological Survey, Thomas Brocher, said the discovery would not allow it to predict earthquake with perfect accuracy but would improve its detection serNumber 5706

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